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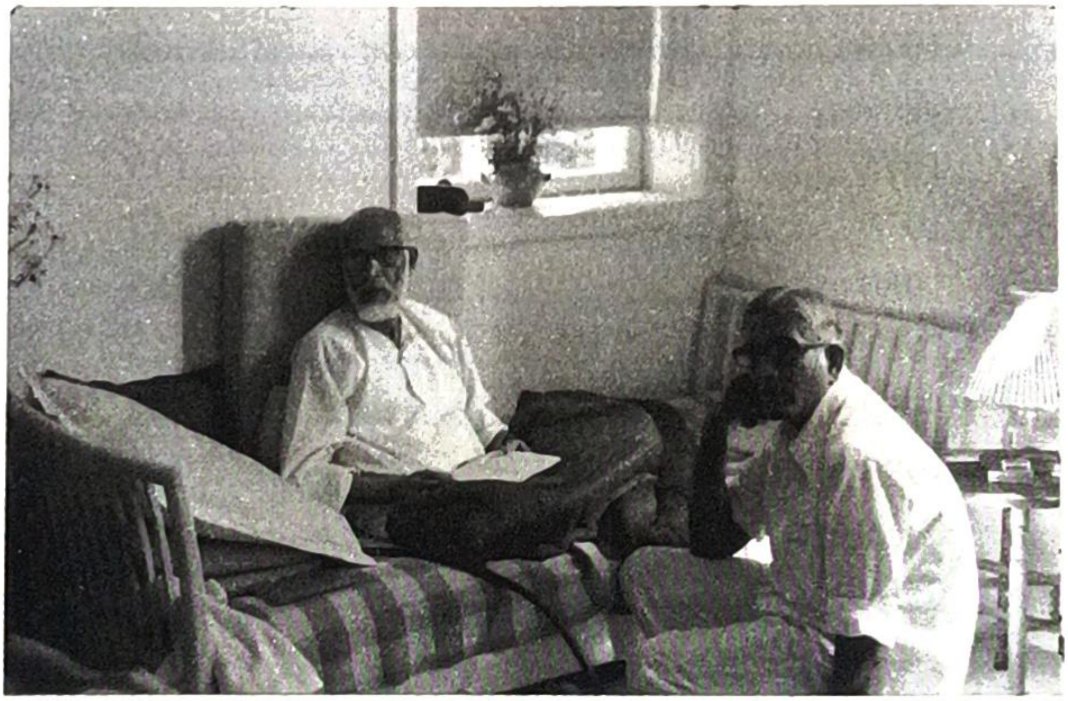

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Shahjahanpur
26th January 1975

My dear Parthasarathi,

I am sending the form duly signed as suggested by you.

I will inform about your condition later on when the process of Nature is completed. It is for your good. Thanks to the Master.

Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

My health is good but stomach ache is started again so I came to one meal as usual. Ashram work is going on. Marble work is started. Ordering three trucks more.

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TELEGRAM

To: P. Rajagopalachari **3rd February 1975**

BOOKS RECEIVED SEND 500 METAL BADGES

RAM CHANDRA

Madras
8th February 1975

My beloved Master,

It is long since I wrote to you. I am sending this letter through brother Shri Narayanaswamy and request an early reply. Shri B. Rajagopal told me about his visit to you and conveyed all details to my father about ways of improving his eyesight. My father is planning to go to Europe in April at the invitation of Dr. HannsGangloff.

1. Ever since I came to you during Chi. Sarvesh's marriage, I have had the feeling that I am totally unfit for spirituality. This feeling has been growing ever since.

2. Recently, about three or four days ago, when I was sitting after my evening meal, at about 9:30 P.M., the feeling engulfed me that I am totally unfit for this worldly life. I examined this feeling in relation to 1) and I am perplexed as to the interpretation of both these definite feelings being in me at the same time. Please clarify this.

3. Since last one week I am having a definite feeling that the work you entrusted regarding Ceylon is now completed. When I try to **read** the situation, I get the same things. Please confirm whether this is correct.

You wrote to me a short postcard and said you would write about my condition. I await that also.

Recently I have had two operations for removing polyp from the nose. I had this operation in 1970 and now further growth of polyps, completely closing my left nose and preventing my breathing, made this operation necessary again. I have to go to the doctor again on 10th February when he will decide about sinus puncture to be done. So this year I am unable to go to your holy feet to celebrate Pujya Lalaji Saheb's birthday. I hope to come to you in March either 2nd week or about 20th of March.

4. There is one further point I have to bring to your attention. Always I have had a fear of death. But all these years the fear was of the death of those whom I love and to whom I am close. This fear has been almost an obsession at times. Now, since last three or four months, this has taken a different turn, and I have **fear of my own death**. This is entirely new. Perhaps it arises out of the sudden death by heart attack of my Chachaji on 7th March 1974 and of my Chachiji on 1st May 1974. Also I am now having fear of **cancer** and **heart trouble**. There is no reason I can attribute except that recently several cases of death by cancer have come to my notice. I shall be grateful for your comment.

I recently saw Chi. Sarvesh and Choti Bahu at Virudhunagar. Bahu is feeling lonely but I think she will get over it. They are quite happy and comfortable.

Here Neetu has been unwell. The diagnosis is anaemia. Some iron tonics have been prescribed for him. He is improving. Chi. Umesh and Bahu come here quite often.

Beloved Master, I eagerly long for a reply from you—please write soon.

My heart craves to be with you and I long to see you. I hope you will come here soon after Basant Panchami is over. It is a nice climate now, not cold and not yet hot. Please do come soon.

With all my love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. G-162/SRCM

Shahjahanpur
3rd March 1975

The Manager
Allahabad Bank
City Office
Shahjahanpur

Subject:- Transfer of amount to Madras Centre.

Dear Sir,

Please transfer Rs. 19,560 (Rs. Nineteen thousand five hundred and sixty only) from Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Shahjahanpur savings bank account No. 405/3 to Allahabad Bank, Madras to credit in the account of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Madras centre and oblige.

Yours faithfully,
for Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Ram Chandra
President

Copy forwarded to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, 11-E, North Street, Sri Ram Nagar, Madras for information. The details of the amount are as under:-

Your bill no. 4391 dated 15.11.74	Rs. 7,930/-
Your bill no. 4395 dated 19.12.74	Rs. 8,400/-
Your bill no. 4427 dated 10.02.75 for 496 Metal Badges.	Rs. 2,480/-
Life subscription of Card holder No. A-06-140	Rs. 250/-
Life subscription of Card holder No. P-10-146	Rs. 250/-

One Shri Sriniwas Agarwala c/o Reliable Industrial Store, 59 Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta has also deposited life subscription which is also being transferred. He should be allotted a life subscriber number and intimated to this office.Rs. 250/-

Total Rs. 19,650/-

This clears the whole account and no other bill is outstanding against us.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Ram Chandra

26th March 1975

Dear Sister,

Received your affectionate letter. I think I am correct if we observe duty minutely that we are sleeping in the bud of the flower. But we are not aware that these are the thorns and not the flowers. Difficulty is there with every one of us, why?—because 'cult' is attached there and cult has its peculiar definition. Along with it if I remove cult, 'diffi' is there from which so many words are found: 'deficient', 'diffident' and so many words in relation to it. So we should remove the word 'diffi' then there remains 'cult' alone, which is precious to the life. Now we follow cult and we should go on following it, then we shall not meet the opposite and the result will be happiness in all circumstances. I believe, sister, it is a good thing if we all follow it.

Work is duty as the people say, I say the duty is the work so please do it for all humanity.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

26th March 1975

Dear Sister,

Read your letter. I was awfully surprised to read the letter and to see that there are men of the type who want to tease others without any cause even. In that case what should be our duty: forbearance on our side and prayer for their correction. Of course it seems difficult at first instance to mould ourselves in a way that we may think rebukes as riches. Gradually it becomes the habit of the sufferer and a tie is loosened.

Freedom we want but we do not know its definition. Suffering is the root and the results are the flowers. If we are dog today, we can be God tomorrow. I mean to say that if I am wrong today, I may be correct at another time and that is the part of humanity. God is called generally when we are in suffering because there seems no other remedy for suffering. Communists will probably say that it is the field of the weak but I say that it is the field of the brave. But in my opinion they are absolutely wrong. I myself read in the paper that when Germans invaded Russia, mosques were opened for prayer for their victory. So some time it becomes incumbent upon us to take refuge somewhere which may be nothing but purity.

Every problem has its solution, if there is no solution there is no problem.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

27th March 1975

Dear Sister,

Gravity of the Earth is well known to everybody and gravity of your own self is little known to the man in general. The thoughts come as they are but when they come to their own illusion we begin to feel rope as a snake in the dark. So it is the darkness that brings illusion and not the light. Darkness ends when darkness is dispelled so we should try to remove the darkness.

Destiny works when the time comes for it and will work when you want it.

I remember a quotation from a great saint of India named Ram Tirath, "deserve only and desire nothing" so please try to be deserving. Ailments are like dust over the body. When they get the proper medicine they are all thrashed. Actions and reactions are the basis of these phenomenal sufferings.

Happiest are those who are happy under all circumstances.

Affectionately,
Ram Chandra

27th March 1975

Dear Sister,

Received your golden letter, apparently giving lustre to the eyes which are open full to see the wave of Reality. Why depression is there—because wave of divinity is before you and not the Reality itself. The river when it starts from its own place gives water to the field. But when? When there is no grass growing over the fields. There are divisions of that as well. If the flow of the water is hampered somehow, there lichen grows which eskimos use for reindeer, so we use all our power to feed the reindeer alone. So please remove that thing so that you may get the fresh water irrigating your inner field which is pure and simple.

When we speak of depression, there something falls from upward to downward or from higher to lower, so dear sister remove this thing in yourself and there will be no depression. Going higher is the work of man and going down is the the work of animal. Please choose any of them and practice will help you. Am I right sister, to write such a letter? If not, please correct me.

Affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Copy of Master's letter dated 9th April 1975
Re: Rituals.

My dear Reddy,

Received your letter of 2nd April 1975. Bread put in oven satisfies the hunger when we eat. Similarly the rituals performed in the light of religion gives a bit of relief to the soul when smelled, and proves that we have not yet the religion to be laughed at. There are six schools of philosophy. Each one of them has taken some view for its performance, and that was the beginning of moving our mind towards the definite object. Moreover, books have generally been written from the mental plane, and hence so many differences. Religious tenets minus power become rituals. *Havan* plus power is not ritualistic.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Ram Chandra

Madras
12th April 1975

My beloved Master,

I am extremely happy to read from Don's letters that your health is now much improved, and that you are also regaining at least part of the body weight that you have lost in the last one year. He has also given the encouraging information that your doses of medicine are to be reduced to about half the number. I am grateful to Lalaji Maharaj for this good improvement. It's a pity that Don cannot stay with you for the rest of this year, and see that you are in your old condition. He has been of great assistance to you as well as the Mission, and will continue to be of solid assistance in the future. I am also worried that you will strain yourself at Calcutta, and not take adequate rest. I hope you will take the greatest care of yourself, and not allow people to unnecessarily bother you. YOU MUST TAKE REST FROM 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M. WITHOUT FAIL. This is absolutely necessary, and I hope that you will see that you will rest at that time. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO TAKE YOUR MEDICINES AT THE TIMES PRESCRIBED WITHOUT MISSING ANY DOSES. When I think of your self-neglecting nature, I become very worried because you will never ask for anything for yourself, nor will you say you are tired and that you need rest. I shall write a personal letter to Shri Mimaniji and request him to see that necessary discipline is maintained to ensure that you get maximum rest.

Yesterday Chi. Umesh told me that you have written that you may come to Madras in the first week of May. **Please come on the 1st May definitely because there is a possibility that I may have to leave for African countries about the 4th of May.** It is a business visit and I shall be submitting an application to the Reserve Bank on Tuesday 15th. Of course I can go only if they permit the journey, and sanction foreign exchange for it. If I go I shall be away till the 10th of June. It will be a great disappointment to me if I miss you. So please come on the 1st direct from Calcutta.

My father writes frequently from Munich. He is well, and has seen the dentist. He should have seen the eye specialist on the 7th, but we have no news yet of the decision taken regarding the eye treatment. I think he will return only by the end of June. This is also a problem because I will have to leave Bari Bahu and Krishna alone here. Anyway it is all in your hands.

Because of the disastrous fire accident in our paper mill about which I told you at Shahjahanpur I am very depressed, though only at the very superficial level. Still it created problems, and a total unwillingness for participation in worldly affairs. Another change I notice in myself is that nowadays I seem to get more emotionally involved with people, and the emotion of pity comes often. I do not know if this desirable. There is a great longing to be away from this world and this life, and I find that I am less and less sure of what I should do. There is a disinclination for work and the mind seems to go into itself and to refuse to come out. I have to make a great effort to do my normal office work every day. I am also apprehensive that I may not be giving as much attention to my official work as I should do, due to the reasons I have mentioned. Whatever I do I do well—at least that is what I think—but perhaps there is something that I should do which I am not doing? Anyway I feel that my worldly life has become a very confusing thing, and I long for some solution to it. My headaches are less intense. I have had only two bad attacks since I left Shahjahanpur. I feel very buoyant and light though at the normal level of existence I feel very considerably troubled and crave for release.

I have frequently referred to Bari Bahu Sulochana's case. I once again pray to you to grant her spiritual progress. Somehow your benign glance is not falling on her. Please bless her. Chi. Krishna is writing his First B. Tech. examination. The written papers are over. Practical examinations are to be held. Everything will be completed by the 21st of this month. For the five year course they have university examinations every year. He has done well.

I have written whatever came into my head. I am unable to come to Calcutta because on the 30th there is a company meeting which I have to personally attend. This is also a great disappointment to me. So I hope that you will come here definitely on the 1st of May direct from Calcutta so that I can have the greatest happiness of being with you for at least a few days.

With all my love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
18th April 1975

Revered Master,

I have just received a letter from Don Sabourin dated 15th April enclosing the annual report for the year ended 30th September and also a copy of the talk that he will be delivering today before the Indian Agricultural Research Institute at New Delhi.

I am happy to note that you have agreed in principle to collect a delegate fee not exceeding Rs. 30/- per head from those attending the Basant Panchami at Shahjahanpur. I suggest that this be collected from abhyasis by the respective centres and transferred to headquarters one month in advance of the Basant Utsav along with a list of delegates from each centre so that headquarters may know the actual number of persons attending and act accordingly. As I told you in person, if we charge Rs. 30/- per head we would collect Rs. 36,000/- per annum, and setting apart Rs. 10,000/- for Basant Panchami expenses a balance of Rs. 26,000/- will be left which can be transferred to HQ Ashram Maintenance Fund. I have estimated and shown you the working of annual ashram maintenance expenses at Rs. 25,000/-. Therefore by fixing the delegate fee at Rs. 30/- per person the Mission will not only cover the Basant Panchami expenses but will also cover ashram maintenance at headquarters. If you will kindly let me have your final approval this matter can be circulated to all the centres for action.

I am glad to hear that your health is much improved. I am however more perturbed and disturbed to note that you have been persuaded by Shrimathi Bhagwandas to go to Assam on May 18th for her daughter's wedding. I am of the opinion that no unnecessary travel should be undertaken by you at this stage and if you can possibly avoid this it should be done. There is no point pandering to the foolish desires of people at a time when you have got to conserve your strength for spiritual work and also to enable you to undertake your proposed journey to the West in August this year. Please consider this carefully.

I had written you a detailed letter some days back and I will be grateful for a reply.

With love from all of us, Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
24th April 1975

Revered Master,

I regret to inform you that Shri N.V. Narasimhan of Salem—our abhyasi and provisional preceptor—expired on Friday 18th April at his home in Salem. He had been suffering for the past one year with cancer of the mouth.

Even though his sins of commission and omission were many, he was a man of good heart, and I pray for your Grace on him so that he may find his true goal.

With love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
29th April 1975

Dear Jan,

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd. I am glad to see your programme for attending to the abhyasis of Holland. There are no specific instructions because Master has already told you what should be done and in any case you are the best judge of what should be done there.

Regarding the French translation of *Reality at Dawn*, a translation already exists having been made by Mr. Andre Poray under the title *L'Aube De La Realite*. This is not a complete translation of *Reality at Dawn* because some chapters which Mr. Poray felt to be unsuitable for presentation to the European public at this time have been omitted. If you write to Mr. Andre Poray, to his address given below, he will be able to send you a copy:

Mr. Andre Poray
L'Hippocampe
Port Issol
Sanary 83 (France)

It is preferable that any French translation for printing be finalized only in consultation with Mr. Poray, because he is in charge of our French organization and French language publications will be under his general supervision.

It is a welcome suggestion to translate some of Master's work in Dutch. It is preferable that translation must be done by our own abhyasis who have adequate control over both the Dutch and English languages.

With best wishes to all of you,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Mr. Andre Poray - for information
cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur

Shahjahanpur
14th May 1975

The Manager
Allahabad Bank, City Branch
Shahjahanpur

Dear Sir,

Subject: Operation of the Mission's General Account

I Ram Chandra as President of the Mission authorise Shri P. Rajagopalachari to operate on the Mission's General Account. His operation will be as good as by me as President. His signatures are appended below.

Thanking you,

For Shri Ram Chandra Mission,
Shri Ram Chandra
President

(signed)
P. Rajagopalachari
(signed)
P. Rajagopalachari
(signed)
Ram Chandra

Camp Madurai
16th June 1975

My Beloved Master,

I hope you are well and that the improvement in your health is being maintained. I returned from Cairo, spent one week at Madras, and then came here on 6th June. I will be here till 27th or so.

We have to finalise your tour programme for the West. It cannot be more than six weeks. I suggest we leave on the 1st

September as planned. I would like to **omit** England because Mr. Elidir Davies can come to France, and the other person Ron Mendelsohn is now in Switzerland. It will save much time and also nowadays UK is very difficult for entry permit etc. Please consider and let me know **immediately**. We have to include Switzerland—at least three days. What about Germany? I doubt whether there is any use in going to Mr. Robert Koch at Freiburg. It will be better to go to Munich to Dr. Gangloff. My father is likely to come to you by 2nd July 1975. This can be finalised in consultation with him. The tentative plan is suggested as follows:-

dep. Delhi	Aug. 31/Sunday.
Copenhagen	Mon 1-9-75 - Sun 7.9.75
Switzerland	Mon 8-9-75 - Thurs 11.9.75
Nice (France)	Thurs 11-9-75 - Wed 17.9.75
Rome (Italy)	Wed 17-9-75 - Wed 24.9.75
Munich (Germany)	Wed 24-9-75 - Sun 28.9.75
Copenhagen	Mon 1-10-75 - Mon 8.10.75

For France I suggest **only Nice** where work is going on. Mr. Poray has also hinted that Paris is unnecessary. Perhaps he may want you at his home in Sanary but the road is twisting and you will get sick. So I suggest **only Nice**. By the above plan we have about five days available which we can use as necessary.

Maybe a short visit to Amsterdam from Munich can be arranged by train.

You have not been abroad for three years—so you can get Reserve Bank permission to receive your ticket from Denmark. My case may be difficult, as I have been abroad recently. Please entrust all this work to someone capable at **Delhi** and let me know so that I can correspond direct with him.

Please consider all this and reply to me as early as you can **to Madras** as usual. The plans have to be finalised quickly and we don't have much time. If possible we should leave one week earlier, say Sunday 24th August. We are all well.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. C-659/SRCM

Shahjahanpur
25th June 1975

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter from Madurai. I also received a letter from Madurai to build a shed in the open terrace of the house and you agreed to it. When you agreed to it I also agree. I will not attend except some most important works regarding organisation. It is entrusted to you but at the same time you are not free from other duties. The money which was misappropriated in Hyderabad has been made good and I got Rs. 2,30,000/- for the building out of the deposits of the Mission.

I shall abide by your programme made so far by you. I remember that you had fixed the week as second week of September 1975 and that I had taken so deeply that I want to start in the second week of September preferably at the end of the week. This is due to some important work of the Ashram.

The condition in England is really very pitiable and if we cannot get visa so easily we can leave it. Munich we will surely go and Mr. Gangloff has deposited money for our tour in Denmark bank. About Germany you may write to Mr. Robert Koch whether there is work for us. The best man is Mr. Gangloff. About purchasing of the ticket as you wrote to me in your last letter it should be arranged from Denmark. Switzerland and Nice we will surely go. If you do not get permission of the Reserve Bank the tour will be postponed. Last time Dr. Harnam Singh of Delhi obtained visa. Mr. Joshi is coming tomorrow. I shall either give him passport or ask him as to what we should do first. How much money you will require for the tour? Please write to me so that I may arrange for it.

I am happy that you are giving me happy news about Umesh's wife and Sarvesh.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Camp Madurai
30th June 1975

Revered Master,

Two abhyasis have been granted provisional permission on your behalf. The details are given below and certificates may kindly be sent direct to them.

1. Mr. W.H. Srinivasan
   C 93 Tirunagar
   Madurai 625006
   Permission granted on 22nd June 1975
2. Mr. P.K.Venkatesan
   c/o The Indian Textile Paper Tube Co. Ltd.
   19, Perali Road
   Virudhunagar 626001
   Permission granted on 22nd June 1975

The small group at Tirunagar needed a preceptor. So Mr. Srinivasan was prepared for this purpose.

In Virudhunagar our Shri B. Rajagopal is very often out of station for long periods, and Mission work was suffering. Hence the selection and preparation of a second prefect there.

With love and Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. C-688/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
1st July 1975

My dear Parthasarathi,

I have replied your letter in which programme of the journey and instructions are there. Dr. Harnam Singh of Delhi is coming on 3rd or 4th of July. I shall give him my passport which is valid up to 1976 and entrust the work of visa to him. If anything further is required, please write to me.

My health has now begun to improve and you will see me a bit fat.

Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

EXPRESS TELEGRAM

To: Sahaj Marg Shahjahanpur **7th July 1975**

REQUEST CONSIDER POSTPONING FOREIGN TOUR TO MIDDLE APRIL 1976 IN VIEW OF SEVERE WINTER CONDITIONS IN NORTH EUROPE COMMENCING SEPTEMBER STOP AWAITING TELEGRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS LOVE

PARTHASARATHI

7th July 1975

Revered Master,

I have today sent you the following telegram:-

"REQUEST CONSIDER POSTPONING FOREIGN TOUR TO MIDDLE APRIL 1976 IN VIEW OF SEVERE WINTER CONDITIONS IN NORTH

EUROPE COMMENCING SEPTEMBER STOP AWAITING TELEGRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS LOVE"

Inasmuch as the winter conditions in North Europe from September onwards will be severe I would suggest that you postpone the proposed tour to middle April 1976. I think this will be the proper time to undertake the trip. Please let me have your instructions in the matter.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

TELEGRAM

To: P. Rajagopalachari **9th July 1975**

FOREIGN VISIT POSTPONED

RAMCHANDRA

No. C-701/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
9th July 1975

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your telegram. I postpone the visit on account of severe winter. Please inform all concerned in Europe, saying that on account of health and work of the Ashram the visit is postponed till summer, 1976.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

TELEGRAM

To: Jens Clausen
Glaciset 48
2800 Lyngby
Denmark

MASTER'S EUROPEAN VISIT POSTPONED TO NEXT MAY PLEASE INFORM ALL EUROPEAN CENTRES

CHARI

Madras
9th July 1975

Shri N.S.R. Anjaneyulu
Kavali

Dear brother,

I have today received your long letter of the 8th July and I have carefully taken note of contents. You may proceed to follow the meditation as you have hitherto been doing, and Shri T. Dhond Rao will continue to act as he has been acting under Master's instructions until his instructions are revised by Master.

There is no immediate possibility of my visiting Kavali, but I hope to visit your centre in the near future.

With best wishes,

Yours in the service of the
Master
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur

Madras
9th July 1975

Mrs. Grace Kimball
Lakewood, Ohio, USA

My dear Grace,

I have received the letter which Leslie has addressed to you dated June 16th with your comments thereon. I think much confusion is caused by unnecessary anxiety in creating new preceptors and giving unnecessary importance to the institution of preceptorship. I think an unfortunate consequence is that people pray to be preceptors even before they understand the teachings of the Mission and the part they are expected to play as abhyasis for their own spiritual evolution. If the existing preceptors shoulder the job with dedication there should not be much need for new preceptors in any territory.

As regards the question of “senior” preceptors, there is no such thing. Of course, in our correspondence we refer to some persons as senior preceptors, but such references are generally to the elder preceptors of the Mission who have been working for a fairly long time and it is just a token of respect for them and the term does not confer any seniority in the hierarchy as such. It is therefore improper to call any Western preceptor a senior preceptor purely because of the fact that few of them have been preceptors for any length of time. I think, as far as the United States is concerned, in future we should restrict new preceptors or the appointment of new preceptors only to those cases which are recommended personally by you. I am sending a copy of this letter to Master requesting him that in future the selection should be so guided.

Love to all of you,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur

Madras
17th July 1975

My Beloved Master,

I have received your telegram and postcard re: postponement of your overseas tour. I have informed Danish centre by cable at once.

By your grace my father has returned safe and healthy. He has forgotten to take the two provisional permission certificates you had issued in favour of brothers Shri W.H. Srinivasan of Madurai and Shri P.K. Venkatesan of Virudhunagar. He says it is probably on your desk.

Yesterday, on your behalf, provisional permission was granted to Shri S.R. Sukaswami of Coimbatore. Kindly issue a certificate and send **all three** certificates to me to Madras for dispersal.

Name: Shri S.R. Sukaswami
Date of Provisional Permission: 16th July 1975

I shall write in detail later.

With love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
22nd July 1975

My Beloved Master,

I am placing before you some matters requiring your personal attention and advice to concerned Brothers.

1. **The Jahagirdar affair:** The investigation of the complaints made by Shri R.P. Nanjundiah of Channapatna centre, supported by Shri N.R. Narayana of Kollegal was left to respected brother Shri Raghavendra Rao of Raichur. The papers

in this connection were put up to you early in 1974. Now about a week ago I heard that Brother Shri Nanjundiah of Channapatna has expired. His widow wrote a letter to my father, enclosing a copy of Shri Nanjundiah's letter to Shri Raghavendra Rao written early in 1974, alleging that brother Shri Jahagirdar had misappropriated over Rs. 20,000/- of Shri Nanjundiah's money. I wrote to Shri Raghavendra Rao. A copy of his reply to me dated 19th July 1975 is attached for your perusal. It is clear that the investigations were not completed by our Shri Raghavendra Rao, and that even now he is taking a biased and prejudiced view of the matter in trying to protect Shri Jahagirdar. As an investigating authority, Shri Raghavendra Rao should have tried to impartially enquire into the matter. If the relatives of the late Shri R.P. Nanjundiah go to court against Shri Jahagirdar, it is natural to expect that brother Shri Narayana of Kollegal will be called as witness. It is also very likely that Shri Raghavendra Rao may be called to give evidence, and I may be involved too, as this complaint was placed formally before me, as General Secretary of the Mission, by Shri Nanjundiah and Shri Narayana. I request you to ponder over this matter carefully and advise brother Raghavendra Rao suitably. Please send me a copy of your letter so that I am informed of your thinking in this matter. It is most desirable that this affair should be settled without Shri Nanjundiah's family going to court for satisfaction of their claims over Shri Jahagirdar.

2. **The Hyderabad affair:** Brother Shri Kumaraswamy has written to me that the misappropriated amount of about Rs. 20,000/- has been recovered. That is good. I hope Shri Kumaraswamy will exercise better control over the affairs of his centre in the future.

3. **Kavali Centre affairs:** I had written to brother Shri D.S.K. Sastry about the complaints that he is taking money from abhyasis and also that he is demanding personal service in his gardens near Kavali. Shri Sastry was here for two days when I spoke to him at length and advised him to the best of

my ability. It appears he has taken a loan of Rs. 1000/- against a Pro Note from an abhyasi of his centre—but that apart from this there are no financial dealings with abhyasis. He denies having asked abhyasis to work in his gardens. Anyway, I am sure he will be more careful in the future.

4. **Shri Kumaraswamy's behaviour:** Shri Kumaraswamy, during his recent visit to Nellore and Kavali centres, seems to have made disparaging remarks about the late Dr. K.C. Varadachari. Shri Dhond Rao of Kalahasti, and an abhyasi of Kavali, have reported this to me, expressing their pain and astonishment at Shri Kumaraswamy's references to Dr. Varadachari in public. I have written to brother Kumaraswamy in a tactful way and hope he will modify this attitude.

Recently (about two months back) Shri Vira Raghavan of Madras had gone to Hyderabad to visit his son-in-law, and stayed there about a month. During that time he attended the satsangh, and on one Sunday he was requested to conduct the satsangh and later to say a few words to the assembled abhyasis of Hyderabad centre. Shri Vira Raghavan gave a short talk. When he finished, brother Shri Kumaraswamy spoke, congratulating Shri Vira Raghavan for his talk, and then, addressing the abhyasis said, "In you (Mr. Vira Raghavan) we are happy to find that there is not that arrogance and pride which we associate with the other brothers of the Madras Centre." This was casually reported to me by brother Shri Vira Raghavan. It is surprising that Shri Kumaraswamy, a preceptor of considerable seniority and spiritual development should indulge in such remarks in public.

5. **In absentia transmission by preceptors:** In my travels I find that more and more preceptors are indulging in giving long-distance transmission to abhyasis of other centres. I do not know under whose instructions such work is done. I can understand that an isolated abhyasi, not having a preceptor, can be attended to in this manner. But when abhyasis of centres, with many preceptors locally available to attend to them,

resort to this then something is wrong. Brother Dhond Rao of Kalahasti is giving such transmission to abhyasis of Kavali centre. Shri G.S. Mani of Madurai is giving such transmission to some abhyasis of Madras centre—and so on. **I need clear instructions from you in this matter to be given as instructions to other preceptors in due course.**

Beloved Master, I am becoming bewildered by the problems that are coming up in the Mission, and feel helpless in solving them. Recently, while at Madurai, I felt so confused and unhappy that two nights I could not sleep, and sat in meditation, praying for guidance and wisdom in handling the work that you have entrusted to me. To tell you frankly, sometimes I feel I have been put in a cage from which I cannot escape, whatever I may do. I feel frightened by the enormous work and responsibility that you have made me shoulder. The only qualification I possess is willingness to do the work. The other qualifications, wisdom, ability and love, you have to give me. I feel frustrated at not being able to inter-commune with you, and pray that this necessary gift may be bestowed upon me. Please help me.

Bari Bahu Sulochana feels very sad that your grace does not descend on her. She complains that I have selfishly taken from you all that I need in spiritual development, and that I have abandoned her. Beloved Master, I pray to you to bestow your divine glance on her and raise her up. Please do what is necessary for her.

By your grace and love we are all well. Please look after your health. There is numerous criticism that you are devoting too much time and money to the Ashram, neglecting the spiritual work of the Mission. For the first time abhyasis are begining to remark upon the frequent demand for donations, saying that this Mission, which was renowned for not asking for money, has now become money-minded like other *sansthas*. It is perhaps desirable that a definite plan and limit be set to the Ashram work, and when that is achieved, stop at least for some years, so that such criticism is not allowed to grow. I feel that the plan to construct a naturopathy clinic should be shelved, or at least deferred for a few years. All work not immediately necessary for comfortably housing the abhyasis at Shahjahanpur should be reviewed, and deferred if necessary. I am writing this in view of the numerous criticisms which we have to consider for the health and reputation of the Mission.

6. **Shri Ramakrishna Chetty of Anantpur:** Two bills for books supplied to Shri Chetty (who was then in Nellore) in 1971 have not been paid by him. I have reminded him at least twenty times by letters, not one of which he has acknowledged. I am sending a final reminder as per copy enclosed. If he does not respond at least now, I wish to write off this amount of Rs. 158/- for which I seek your approval.

I am afraid this very long letter will probably give you some trouble—but most of them need your attention and advice.

7. **Preceptors code of conduct:** I have drafted a code of conduct for preceptors which I attach for your perusal. Please comment. If anything is to be added or deleted, please let me know. When the final draft is ready, it can be printed under your signature and one copy sent to each preceptor of the Mission.

I await your reply soon.

With love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

CODE FOR PRECEPTORS

1. Preceptors must be totally obedient to instructions issued by the Master, and by those authorised to supervise their work.
2. Preceptors should thoroughly understand the Principles and Practice of the Sahaj Marg system.
3. Preceptors are expected to follow the ten maxims of the "Sahaj Marg" System.
4. By their words and actions, preceptors should set a high example to the abhyasis entrusted to their training. Preceptors should refrain from frivolous talk and actions, and should strive to improve themselves day by day so that they set high examples to the abhyasis.
5. Preceptors should set apart definite times when they should be available to abhyasis.
6. Dedication to spiritual work, supported by complete truthfulness and sincerity of purpose is essential.
7. Preceptors should be completely impartial towards the abhyasis and treat all as their brothers and sisters.
8. Preceptors should avoid all dealings with abhyasis which may involve the Mission, or in any way jeopardise its name and prestige.
9. In particular, preceptors should have no monetary dealings with abhyasis in any form.
10. Preceptors should avoid demanding any form of service from abhyasis, always remembering that preceptors are there to serve, not to be served.
11. Preceptors should never discuss one abhyasi's case with another abhyasi, nor should there be a public discussion about specific cases.
12. Money and materials entrusted to preceptors should be administered as a sacred trust, exercising due care and diligence. Expenses should not be incurred without prior permission or approval in writing from those empowered to authorise such expenses.

13. Preceptors must strictly avoid criticising the work of other preceptors when speaking in public or with abhyasis.
14. Preceptors must be very careful in their dealings with preceptors and abhyasis of the opposite sex.
15. Those entrusted with the work of supervising the work of several centres/preceptors should periodically inspect and assess such work, taking particular care to inspect books of accounts, stocks, etc.
16. Preceptors are strictly forbidden from any activity or association of a political nature, and from any activity prejudicial to the aims and objectives of the Mission.

Madras
6th August 1975

My Beloved Master,

I have written so many letters to you—but no reply! I am yet content. I am writing this to report to you a new condition I am observing for last one week or so. I do not know if it is spiritual, or merely mental. It is this. My whole mind and everything else seems to be full with thoughts of the Mission, and Mission only—almost to the exclusion of thoughts or remembrance of my Master. This appears almost sacrilegious and undutiful. But it is so, and I report it to you, seeking your clarification. I also pray that if this condition is undesirable it may be removed.

I perceive some signs of improvement in the discipline of centres here in South India. It is your work and your Grace. Out of chaos comes order.

Shri Kamaleshkumar of Bangalore will bring you this letter. If the provisional permission certificates for Shri P.K. Venkatesan (permission given on 22nd June 1975), Mr. W.H. Srinivasan (provisional permission given on 22nd June 1975) and Mr. S.R. Sukaswamy (16th July 1975) are not sent, they may please be handed over to Shri Kamaleshkumar who will hand them over to me on his way back to Bangalore. Please also send **50 copies of *Reality at Dawn*** through him, raising a bill on **Madras centre** for the supply. We need copies here.

I do hope you will reply to my long letter of 22nd July 1975 soon and give me your instructions. Also a reply to this letter with your reading.

With Pranams and Love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

TELEGRAM **14th September 1975**

To: P. Rajagopalachari

SEND LALAJIS CENTENARY ACCOUNTS DULY AUDITED IMMEDIATELY

RAM CHANDRA

9th October 1975

Madame Dina Joannides
Cairo, Egypt (UAR)

Dear Madame Dina,

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd September and we are so happy to hear that you are feeling better.

Regarding starting meditation, you should not be afraid about this because by doing a good thing, wrong cannot result. In this Divine principle we must have faith. I am writing to Master to help you and I would request you to start meditation immediately on receipt of this letter.

Regarding going through Cairo, I am afraid this is impossible. I would therefore request you to consider meeting Master on your own.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur

This lady has been having trouble ever since she was attracted back to her older system of practice using the Goddess Athenoid of Greece. During my recent visit to Cairo I have been able to persuade her to drop that. She is now afraid to start meditation again. I request you to help her by writing to her personally.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. C-43/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
16th October 1975

My dear Parthasarathi,

I am not replying your letter because the headache starts when I take up such work. For the last two months I am feeling extremely weak. Today I am better. I have just received trunk call from Nasib Chand that Umesh's wife had paralysis attack and improved the other day. There was another attack yesterday and today she feels a bit better. Please pray for her recovery.

A general letter was issued from Madras for the satsanghis to bring china plates along with glasses for their use during

Utsava. Here the associates do not like china plates and prefer *pattal* so they can bring only a glass to use while they are travelling and take in use here also.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

TELEGRAM **17th October 1975**
To: Parthasarathi Rajagopalachari

AMEETA QUITE WELL NO PARALYSIS

RAM CHANDRA

No. C-45/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
18th October 1975

My dear Parthasarathi,

Yesterday I had sent you a letter to the effect that Ameeta the wife of Umesh has had two attacks of paralysis. This very time I received the telegraphic message of Shri Nasib Chand from Lucknow that she is quite all right. His previous letter has been misunderstood by me hence the mistake. Kasturi's mother has had two attacks of paralysis and not Ameeta. She is on the way of recovery. As soon as I received the telephonic message I gave a telegram to you to remove your anxiety. Ameeta and her new born babies are quite well.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
20th October 1975

Revered Master,

I am in receipt of both your letters dated 16th and 18th respectively. We are all very relieved to note that Sow. Ameeta and the babies are well. I have conveyed the information to Umesh who was quite worried on receipt of the telegram because he had no knowledge of any development.

Regarding bringing plates for the Basant Panchami, I have given this advice in the circular so that those who bring their plates can leave them at Shahjahanpur for future use by the Mission. I do not think we should change the instructions now but we should allow them to do so, using the pattals for others. My idea is that by using pattals for so many people numbering thousands the environment of the ashram will become quite dirty because pattals will be thrown after use and will be littered near the ashram, whereas if plates are brought by the abhyasis they can be asked to wash them themselves, saving enormous work from workers who will be over-burdened.

All are well. With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Virudhunagar
24th October 1975

My Beloved Master,

I came here yesterday on official duty. Yesterday evening I visited Choti Bahu Sow. Ameeta in the nursing home. She and the baby are both well. The baby is fair and looks somewhat like Chi. Sanjay. Sow. Ameeta will be discharged in three days time. Sambandhi Shri Bartariyaji, his wife and their two sons are all here. I think Shri Bartariyaji will leave for Lakhimpur shortly. Chi. Sarvesh is well and happy.

Master, I am having serious troubles in my job. My boss Mr. T.T. Narasimhan has taken a strong dislike for me since last one and a half years since **I cannot** co-operate in certain ways that he wants. I feel my job is at stake and I wonder how long I will be allowed to continue. I pray to you for guidance and help in this worrying situation. If the present trend continues it is quite likely that I may be without a job in the near future. I did not wish to worry you, but to whom can I turn except you?

Your loving son,
Parthasarathi

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No. C-13/SRCM

Shahjahanpur
1st November 1975

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received all your letters but owing to my lethargic habit, anxieties and illness, I did not reply your letters. Babu Radhey Raman clerk of the office has left the job and one Jagdish Kumar of Sitapur has been appointed in his place. Vibe of Denmark along with other associates started giving the Mission Rs. 600/- per month for the office establishment.

I felt myself worried to know about your office difficulties. I feel you are the only person who can serve the boss best, but the rich man does what he hears but does not see with his eyes. That is a system to be remodelled. I have started prayer and it will continue. You should also pray regularly. It seems to me there are some other persons who are undermining you for their own selfish gains. That atmosphere needs to be cleaned.

Near about 30th October at 7:15 P.M. I found that you were having a sort of inner loneliness and feeling helpless as if you were without any assistance. If this continues, the company will be put to loss.

We had referred the matter about Jahagirdar to Shri Raghavendra Rao of Raichur and he gave his judgement the copy of which was also sent to you. He took statements also and came to the finding that this was all false. A man of that place came to me and said that both plaintiff and defendant agreed that it was all false and owing to certain reason this thing was concocted. The further activity has now been totally stopped and they are happy.

For about a month, I have begun to feel weakness and also giddiness when I get up from the bed or chair and sometimes slight giddiness, while walking. My doctor at Lucknow is giving medicine for it. The pain in the lower part of the spinal cord, owing to the enlargement of bone is also there but it has now lessened. The Ashram at Raichur is almost complete and they want that I may inaugurate the Ashram. I also wish, but under the present state of health, it may not be possible for me.

Our Ashram building here is expected to be completed by the end of this month. Since final touches are now being given, a lot of expenditure is being incurred and sometimes I start fearing that we may run short of funds.

With blessings to all of you,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
3rd November 1975

Revered Master,

I regret to inform you that our Coimbatore preceptor Shri S.R. Sukaswamy passed away suddenly at about 3 A.M. on Sunday the 2nd November 1975 at Coimbatore. He was the father of our young preceptor Shri S.S. Ramakrishnan and had only recently celebrated the marriage of his eldest daughter Sow. Seethalakshmi who was then at Agra and is now with her husband at Baroda. He has three more daughters to be married and of course, the son Shri S.S. Ramakrishnan has to be settled in life.

A letter from you to the family will help them in their grief and prove of strength in their bereavement. Shri Ramakrishnan's address is:

“Shri Padhuka”
16, Thiruvenkataswami Road
Coimbatore - 641 002
Tamil Nadu

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
24th November 1975

My Beloved Master,

I received your letter of 1st November, so full of love, sometime ago. How can one ever love like you? It is Divine and so full of compassion that I wept when I received it.

You have asked me to pray. The position is that my job is getting more and more troublesome. I do not know how to continue it. On the other hand I need the job at least for some five years more minimum. So it is a situation of being in the horns of a dilemma. So how to pray in such a situation? I can neither pray to be out of my job nor can I pray to be in it. But it is clear that **I have to be in it**. Therefore I must pray for relief from the circumstances, the web of circumstances, that is causing me so much worry. My feeling of loneliness and helplessness still continues, through not so dark as before.

I am concerned to read about your weakness and giddiness, as also the pain in the lower part of the spinal cord. I do hope you are better now.

The Raichur ashram, I feel that you should have the inauguration after Basant Panchami when you will be free of main Ashram work and worries. Please do not undertake a short trip now as it will only strain your health.

Regarding Shri Jahagirdar, I have not received any final decision from Brother Shri Raghavendra Rao. But if it has been decided to your satisfaction that is sufficient.

This morning I had a dream in which my old *Vaishnav Acharya* came to me and I prostrated before him. Later there was some discussion. I am ashamed of this dream because even in dream I shall not bend my head before anyone other than you. Please clarify this dream for me. For a long time you have not written about my condition. I pray for your guidance.

Bari Bahu is unwell—persistent cough. Otherwise we are all well. Chi. Krishna will come to your holy feet with my letter on 23rd December. He wants you to start *yatra* for him.

With my humble and devoted love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. C-242/MBC-1(1976) **Shahjahanpur**
3rd December 1975

My dear Parthasarathi,

As was done last year, it is hoped that this year also some arrangements at your end will be made for printing of wall posters. My idea is that in the wall posters there should be no picture of Lalaji Saheb as often the posters are trampled under feet and the picture of Lalaji, thus being dishonoured, though unintentionally, does not appear to be good.

I want that in the wall posters to be printed this year there should be mention of inauguration of the ashram building on the 5th February 1976 and also of dedication of the building to Lalaji Saheb on the same day. Such posters (number to be decided by you) should be sent to us by 15th January 1976, so that they may be pasted on the walls in the various parts of the city well in time.

I propose getting some invitations printed here and sending some to the respective centres for distribution to such non-abhyasis who have given donations for the construction of the building here, at the discretion of the preceptor-in-charges.

I am also sending you enclosed herewith a list of books showing their present stock at headquarters and their stock with other centres as on 1st October 1975 which could be known from the stock position sent to us. I would request you to kindly arrange to send the requirement shown against each book to headquarters for sale at the time of Basant Utsav. One hundred postcard size photos may also be sent for sale.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
17th December 1975

Mr. Lowell R. Hanson
Michigan, USA

Dear Lowell,

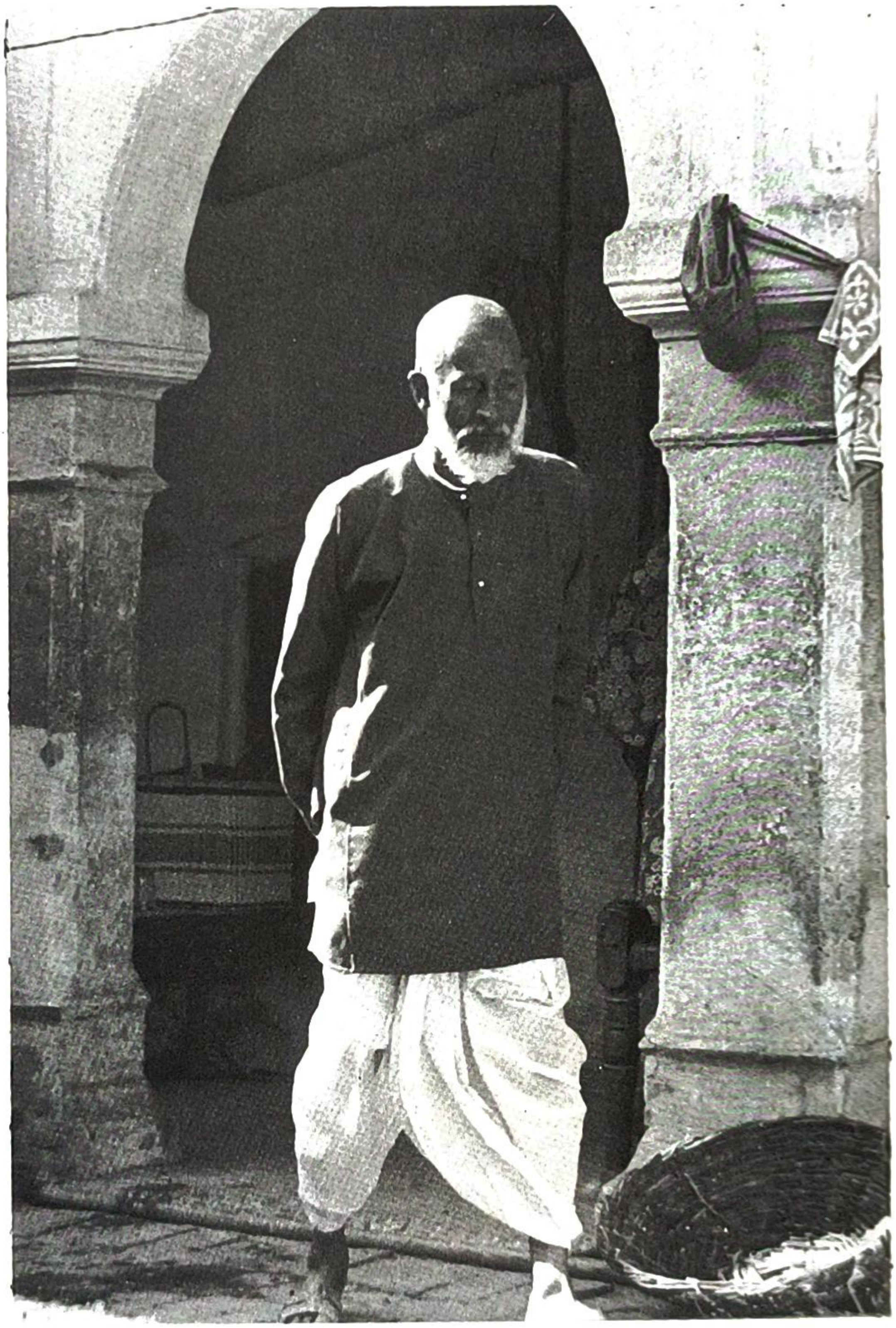
Thank you for your letter of the 12th. I have noted the problems you have regarding communication from departed souls and I shall do what is possible from here and I shall also refer this to Master for his attention.

The best thing is to ignore all such contacts and one way of doing this is to mentally enclose yourself completely in a mantle of Master's grace. This may be done with total faith and I am sure this will immediately put a stop to all these. Please let me know how you are getting on.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master - This abhyasi reports voices from departed souls which are disturbing him seriously and he reports also a feeling that such souls are attempting to fill him with their presence so that there will be no time left for him to spend in meditation. He further reports intensification of this phenomena since coming under your spiritual guidance. I am referring this case to you for necessary action.



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Madras
9th January 1976

Revered Master,

I am attaching herewith two plans tentatively prepared for your foreign trip. It is expected that you will leave India from Delhi on Monday the 3rd of May arriving in Copenhagen on Tuesday the 4th. Of course, it can also be that you reach Copenhagen the same day because I do not know the flight times.

I am also enclosing a copy of my letter to Jens Clausen of Denmark who will be co-ordinating the work connected with your European tour. As you will see from that I have also sent copies to important preceptors in Europe and England and await their information before we finalise this when I am with you next week.

During Mr. Poray's recent visit to Madras last week he told me that Mr. Elidir Davies would not be in a position to organise any visit to England. This confirms my own earlier views in this matter and therefore a visit to England is not included. Mr. Davies will no doubt come and meet you in several places in Europe which will certainly include France and perhaps also Switzerland.

Dr. Hanns Gangloff of Germany is also here and to him both the plans are acceptable but he will confirm after he returns to Munich because he wishes one public meeting to be held for university students. He can decide this only when he knows when the university re-opens after the holidays.

I shall discuss all these in detail when I come there next week.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Plan 1 (Preferred Plan)

Tuesday	4-5-1976	Arrive Copenhagen
Wednesday	12-5-1976	Leave morning by train for Munich arriving Munich late afternoon
Thursday	13-5-1976	Stay at Munich
Friday	14-5-1976	"
Saturday	15-5-1976	"
Sunday	16-5-1976	"
Monday	17-5-1976	Leave by morning train for Geneva, arriving Geneva late afternoon
Tuesday	18-5-1976	Stay at Geneva
Wednesday	19-5-1976	"
Thursday	20-5-1976	"
Friday	21-5-1976	"
Saturday	22-5-1976	Geneva-Rome by Flight around 11:00 A.M. arriving Rome about noon.
Sunday	23-5-1976	Stay at Rome
Monday	24-5-1976	"
Tuesday	25-5-1976	"
Wednesday	26-5-1976	"
Thursday	27-5-1976	"
Friday	28-5-1976	"
Saturday	29-5-1976	Fly Rome-Nice leaving Rome at 11 A.M. arriving Nice about noon
Sunday	30-5-1976	Stay at Nice
Monday	31-5-1976	"
Tuesday	1-6-1976	"
Wednesday	2-6-1976	Leave Nice 10 A.M. by car for Sanary. Arrive Sanary for lunch.
Thursday	3-6-1976	Stay at Sanary
Wednesday	9-6-1976	"
Thursday	10-6-1976	Fly Nice - Copenhagen
Friday	11-6-1976	Copenhagen
Monday	21-6-1976	Leave for Delhi

Plan 2

Tuesday	4-5-1976	Arrive Copenhagen
Tuesday	11-5-1976	Copenhagen - Rome by air
Tuesday	18-5-1976	Rome - Nice by train
Wednesday	19-5-1976	Nice
Thursday	20-5-1976	"
Friday	21-5-1976	"
Saturday	22-5-1976	Sanary
Sunday	23-5-1976	"
Monday	24-5-1976	"
Tuesday	25-5-1976	"
Wednesday	26-5-1976	"
Thursday	27-5-1976	"
Friday	28-5-1976	Leave for Geneva, arrive Geneva by train.
Saturday	29-5-1976	Geneva
Sunday	30-5-1976	"
Monday	31-5-1976	"
Tuesday	1-6-1976	"
Wednesday	2-6-1976	Leave Geneva in the morning and arrive Munich late afternoon by train.
Thursday	3-6-2976	Munich
Friday	4-6-1976	"
Saturday	5-6-1976	"
Sunday	6-6-1976	"
Monday	7-6-1976	Munich - Copenhagen by suitable train
Wednesday	16-6-1976	Copenhagen - Delhi.

10th January 1976

Revered Master,

I am happy to inform you that I will be reaching Shahjahanpur by Kashi-Vishwanath Express on the evening of 16th January from Delhi.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

TELEGRAM **13th January 1976**

To: Sahaj Marg, Shahjahanpur (242001)

BABY PUNEET OPERATED UPON FOR STRANGULATED HERNIA LAST NIGHT PROGRESSING WELL NO ANXIETY

PARTHASARATHI

No. 453/C-A/c-1

Shahjahanpur
14th February 1976

Dear Brother,

It is a matter of extreme regret that in spite of repeated requests from the Head Office and even my personal request *vide* this office No. G-850 dated 1st October 1975 you have not yet cared to submit the annual accounts of your centre for the year 1974-75, though more than four months have passed since the closure of the year. This is a very sad state of affairs and has now become more or less intolerable. Once again I have to impress upon you that in the absence of the accounts of the centres, the Head Office is unable to consolidate the year's accounts and submit the returns to the income tax department for the assessment of tax. In case of non-submission of returns in time, the Mission has to face a very awkward situation and becomes liable even for interest and penalty.

You are therefore requested to send the receipt and expenditure statements along with the statement of stock publications, on the prescribed forms, within a week of receipt of this letter, failing which, I will have to reluctantly consider withdrawing the authority to operate accounts on behalf of the Mission, from the defaulting centres. I feel that you will not give me cause to resort to such a drastic action.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra
President

P.S. In case there is no transaction please send a nil report.

Copy forwarded to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary at Madras, with the remark that the centres noted in the margin are still defaulters, to whom I have written this letter. This is for your information only.

Ram Chandra

[Written in the margin: 1) Ahmedabad, 2) Bombay,
3) Kalahasthi, 4) Navsari, 5) [illegible], 6) Salem,
7) Amalapuram, 8) Bijapur, 9) Junasagar, 10) Thanjaur,
11) Rajapalayam, 12) Virudhunagar, 13) Ananpur,
14) Bellary]

No. 499/Tour (1976) **Shahjahanpur**
26th February 1976

My dear brother,

Your letter dated 19th February 1976 was received. I am happy to note your kind sentiments about being of some service to me and for looking after my personal needs, while on foreign tour this summer. But I feel awfully sorry that I shall not be able to avail of this opportunity. The reasons are many. As I have read the mentality of foreigners, they do not like very many persons visiting them at a time as it puts them to personal inconveniences and they are frank enough to say so. Parthasarathi, the General Secretary of the Mission, will be all along with me and he will be looking after my personal requirements as was done by him when I was on foreign tour last time. I definitely feel that with the mentality they have, these foreigners would not relish or not even tolerate a crowd with me. They may even resent it.

Further, it would be better that on my return from there, you may go and work as a preceptor of the Mission, and this will do them good and will be in their spiritual interest. With me, it will not be possible for you to help as I myself have to do all what is needed for them in the spiritual field.

I hope you understand the situation and would agree with me that it would not be proper for you and your cousin Shri Sidda Reddy to be there while I am visiting these places.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Not on the original

My dear Parthasarathi,

I am sending a copy of this letter for your information. This has reference to your letter dated 18th February 1976.

A letter from your address written to Mrs. Grace Kimball is being sent to you for any action considered necessary.

Mrs. Kimball is not coming as you already know.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Registered

Madras
28th February 1976

Revered Master,

I am enclosing herewith some forms which only please sign at the places indicated with an X and return to me by registered post as early as possible:

1. Swiss visa application - 1 signature.
2. French visa application forms - 2 forms - Total 4 signatures.
3. Netherlands - 1 form - 1 signature on last page.
4. Italy application form - 1 signature.

5. Foreign Travel Scheme - Application form - 4 forms - 1 signature each.

Please do not fill up the forms. It is enough if they are signed and returned to me as early as possible by Registered Post.

Please arrange to have your Health Certificate booklet completed. Our C.M.O. will be able to help you in this matter. As soon as it is complete with endorsements for re-vaccination and re-inoculation for cholera, please send it to me along with the forms which are enclosed with this letter. All these should be received by me before the 15th of March 1976, latest.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Registered A/D

No. 547/M. Tour

Shahjahanpur
4th March 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your registered letter dated 28th February 1976 along with visa forms. As desired I am sending enclosed herewith the visa forms duly signed by me at the places marked X.

Two certificates from the Chief Medical Officer regarding my vaccination for cholera and inoculation for smallpox are also enclosed herewith. Since the book was not available here and the time was so short that it could not be arranged from elsewhere, these certificates could not be taken in the book. These are the prescribed forms of the Government and are proof that I have got the vaccination and inoculation against cholera and smallpox. These can be attached within the book if that may be necessary. But the required book has also to be arranged at your level.

Regarding visas I find that the forms sent by you for signatures do not include forms for Denmark and Germany. I understand that there is no visa for Denmark. What about Germany? Will you send the forms for Germany later or what? Or is there no visa for Germany also?

Forms sent after signature are:

1. Swiss visa application - 1 form - 1 signature.
2. French visa application - 2 forms - 4 signatures (total).
3. Netherlands application - 1 form - 1 signature (last page).
4. Italy application - 1 form - 1 signature.
5. Foreign Travel Scheme - Application form (4 forms) - one signature on each.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Enclosed: as above.

Madras
9th March 1976

Revered Master,

I have today received your letter ref. 547/M.Tour dated 4th March with the signed forms.

The medical forms sent by you are in Hindi and will not be acceptable. I am therefore sending you one book of International Certificates of Vaccination which may be suitably endorsed by the concerned officer. Your date of birth, sex, etc., are to be filled up and signatures put in the places specified.

Till you return this I am retaining the Hindi certificates for possible use.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

P.S. In the forms returned by you one signature is missing on the form behind the typed script. I send herewith the same for your signature and immediate return.

Registered A/D

Shahjahanpur
11th March 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

I have received your letter dated 9th March today, with enclosures.

Two certificates regarding smallpox and cholera in the book of International Certificates sent by you have been duly made out. The column of "Date of Birth" has been left blank. It may be filled by you as given in the passport which is already with you. The book is enclosed.

The signature in the visa form for Netherlands which was left out has been made and the form is returned enclosed herewith.

I had asked you in my previous letter regarding visa for West Germany. I do not know what you are doing in that connection. Kindly let me know early. I also do not know what I have to do in connection with visas. Will I have to go to Delhi etc. Kindly let me know the details in this regard.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Enclosed: one visa form; one book of medical certificates.

Personal and Confidential

Madras
18th March 1976

My Beloved Master,

I hope you are well and improving in health. Your foreign tour is coming closer and you must take **maximum rest** and come up to peak state of health for it.

I had been to Bombay for three days and during this period I called Shri C. Rajagopalan of Ahmedabad and by your grace and on your behalf, I have granted him provisional permission on Wednesday 17th March 1976. His certificate of provisional permission may kindly be sent by registered post to the address given below.

Shri C. Rajagopalan
18-A Suryodaya Society
Ahmedabad 380013

I also met the abhyasis of Bombay centre on the evening of 16th at my hotel, and again on 17th at Dr. Jajodia's residence and on both occasions we had group satsangh. The Ahmedabad and Bombay centres are growing and developing well.

Personal Problems: My office worries have increased enormously. I do not know how to cope with them. One of the companies, the Tamilnad Cardboards & Paper Mills Ltd., is in a bad way. I am a director of that company. We took over this company in the middle of December 1971. At that time it had accumulated losses totalling 33 lakhs of rupees. We were confident of working the company profitably. But our efforts have proved fruitless mainly because of labour problems, power cut, and a devastating fire in the *godown* of the paper mill in March 1975.

The company's accumulated losses now is 36 lakhs and the company owes Rs. 22 lakhs to the bank.

A serious problem has come up. The company took deposits in 1967 from the public and with accumulated interest the amount due to depositors is 4.5 lakhs. In 1975 a new law came into force that losing companies could **not** accept public deposits. But since the company had no money, these deposits could not be repaid to depositors as required by the law. Now the Company Law Board is threatening to take action on the company's directors, of which I am one, and penalty is **imprisonment of directors** and also fine. Since the present directors were directors of the company when this law came into force in 1975 we are held liable. **If they take any action, I am afraid I may NOT be able to leave India for some months.** It is only your grace and divine help that can protect me at this stage. I have done no wrong and I pray to you to grant me relief in some way. Even if I resign it is no use because the law only applied to persons who were directors when the law came into force, irrespective of whether they are still directors or not.

You can understand the mental agony I am undergoing. Life has become a misery and a nightmare. Even to pray has become difficult. My bosses Shri T.T. Narasimhan, Shri T.T. Vasu and others who are the other directors are giving me no assistance and are treating me with scorn and indifference. Even my annual increment for 1976 has been withheld—though about this I do not worry.

We are trying to sell this company but this is proving to be almost impossible so far.

Beloved Master, I pray to you to do something before anything serious affects me adversely for NO FAULT OF MINE. My health is also suffering because of the acute tension in my life since March 1975.

I await your reply as soon as possible. All are well at home by your grace. Chi. Krishna's annual exams (university exams) will be held in the middle of April and he prays for your grace and blessing.

With all my love as ever,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
18th March 1976

Revered Master,

I am in receipt of your registered letter of the 11th instant with the enclosed Netherlands visa form duly signed by you and also the medical certificate in the approved booklet form.

Please note that for Denmark and Germany no visas are necessary and therefore no further action by you is necessary either by way of visit to Delhi or anything else. Everything will be handled by us at Madras.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Personal

No. 575/SRCM

Shahjahanpur
20th March 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter just now. The contents of the letter was quite disturbing to me. The problem of course is very annoying but One who solves is very strong. Nobody doubts your honesty and that you are really honest. Honesty is valued, no doubt, if not by man, by God himself. Have trust in God. I will do whatever is possible. Mental tension will surely be lessened by the grace of the Master. Face the difficulties like a warrior and wise men have done it. Man who suffers the miseries and bears them coolly, all the time thanking God, is devoted one.

I have started praying and it is our duty too. I hope by the time this letter reaches you, your mental tension would have lessened.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
29th March 1976

My Beloved Master,

I received your loving and affectionate letter of 20th March on 22nd March itself, but as I left the same evening for Virudhunagar and returned only this morning, I could not write earlier. I am grateful for your loving advice and help, but the problems are mounting day by day and I do not know where all this will lead to. I have left everything to you and I am sure I will come out unscathed and with whatever reputation I have untarnished.

Chi. Sarvesh, Bahu and baby arrived at Virudhunagar on 23rd March and all are well.

By your grace and on your behalf, I have granted provisional permission to Shri R. Varadhan of our Coimbatore centre in view of the sudden passing away of Shri Sukaswamy. Kindly send provisional permission certificate to him to the address given below.

Shri R. Varadhan
F/4 Housing Colony
Ramalingam Road West
R.S. Puram
Coimbatore 641002

Date of permission: 28th March 1976.

What more to write? Everything is known to you and all is with you. My love for you knows no bounds. It is ever-increasing and I wonder how such a tiny thing like love can be limitless. I realise that one day my love for you must fill the entire universe—and when that happens, it must be Divine, because only God fills the universe! So Love is God.

My love as ever.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
29th March 1976

Kum. S. Anasuya
Coimbatore

Dear Sister,

I am happy to inform you that our beloved Master has granted Provisional Permission to Shri R. Varadhan of your centre to work as a Prefect. He will commence his work with the Wednesday satsangh day after tomorrow. Please inform our abhyasis of this happy news.

With best wishes,

Yours,
In the service of the Master
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Shri R. Varadhan, Coimbatore
cc. Revered Master

No. 632/SRCM/76 **Shahjahanpur**
7th April 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 3rd April 1976. I was also facing difficulty a few weeks back. There was only an amount of Rs. 17,000/- in the Building Fund account and I had to pay bills worth Rs. 60,000/- in addition to the daily expenses of the labourers. I then asked for money which was in deposit at Vijayawada and got Rs. 10,000/- from there. Over and above, I transferred Rs. 45,000/- from the General Fund account to the Building Fund account. The work is going on and will be over within a few weeks' time. We have taken only the minor constructions which was previously contemplated.

I am now transferring Rs. 10,000/- to the Mission account at Madras. You may arrange to send it to Bangalore. I do not know in which bank they have opened the account. Had I known it, I would have sent this amount directly to Bangalore. If, however, I am short of funds—although I don't feel so—I may request you to transfer this much amount from Madras.

I feel you are better now. Let the grace of God come. I am reaching Delhi on the morning of 4th May 1976 for the Europe trip. I may stay with Shri Sundara. Do you want me to take a few books with me? If so let me know the titles and their quantity. Kasturi was here for a day and arranged my things for the journey abroad.

I have issued a certificate to C. Rajagopalan of Ahmedabad and R. Varadhan of Coimbatore and a copy of each is endorsed for your record.

With blessings to all of you,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

P.S. I am worried to know that the pain in the back of Chi. Umesh still persists. I am prepared to give him the best treatment without minding for the expenses. I have written to him a letter expressing the opinion of a prominent orthopaedic surgeon Dr. B.C. Saxena. You may please read that letter. Dr. Saxena has advised that radiographic treatment should not be given. You probably know that Dr. Saxena is my relative who has been recently transferred here from Meerut. He is a very well-known orthopaedic surgeon of U.P.

Please let me know your views after talking to Chi. Umesh and reading my letter.

Let me know when you are reaching Delhi.

The work of transliterating the remaining portion of my diaries in Devanagari has been completed.

I am also enclosing the particulars sent by Mr. Ropars, preceptor at Madagascar together with three passport size photographs.

R.C.

Madras
20th April 1976

My Beloved Master,

I hope you are well, taking rest and nourishment, and conserving your strength for the overseas tour.

The ticket payment advance for the tour came finally from Denmark only yesterday, and so the Reserve Bank application was also submitted only yesterday. I hope to receive the permit to travel tomorrow, along with the tickets for the journey. I propose to arrive in Delhi on 4th May evening at 9:20 P.M. I have written to Shri Sundara asking whether I can stay with you at his residence. The Swiss and French visas have already been obtained. The Italian visa will be obtained as soon as the Reserve Bank returns the passports with "P" Form endorsements.

On 7th April Chi. Umesh had a long talk with me about family problems. He was very upset with the behaviour of Chi. Sarvesh and Choti Bahu who did not even go to his house when they passed through Madras on their way to Virudhunagar, but merely telephoned from the station. Chi. Umesh then went and saw them at the station. Chi. Umesh was also very bitter about you. When I advised him, he finally stated that he did not want any wealth, jewels or property from you, but even spiritual benefit was being denied to him. He stated that he only wanted a guarantee from you that he would not be re-born. If such a guarantee could be given to him, he would have no further anger or bitterness towards you or his brother and sisters. On the spur of the moment impulsively, I told him that I would guarantee him liberation on your behalf, even if by doing so I was to be myself denied liberation. I took his hand in mine and made him this promise. I have committed you, beloved Master, and now you must make this come true. Please reply stating that this will be done. My promise on your behalf, based on your Divine love for all cannot fail. May he be granted your love and liberation. Please confirm this to me.

Please bring with you fifteen provisional permission certificates for your use in Europe if necessary. Another thing I have done for which I seek your confirmation. I gave two sittings to Bari Bahu Sulochana and in the second sitting yesterday morning I prayed that she may be raised to *brahmand mandal*. My reading was that this was done by your grace. Please confirm this.

Chi. Krishna is having his second year final university exams. Half is over, and theory papers will all be completed by Saturday 24th after which he will have three practical exams. Please bless him.

My own condition is much better now. It is all your grace and love, the working of which is so subtle and yet so marvellous to behold. May I be ever worthy of your love and trust.

I don't think it is necessary to take any books to Europe—no requests have come from any of the European centres so far. If any come, I can bring the books with me.

Chi. Umesh tells me that Sow. Ninni's marriage has been settled. Please confirm.

I enclose a copy of your European Tour Programme for information, along with an extra copy for office use in your absence.

With all my love overflowing for you,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

European Tour Programme 1976 of
H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj
President, Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Departure				Arrival				
Station	Date	Time	Flight	Station	Date	Time	Flight	Address
Delhi	6 May 76	13:10	SK 988	Copenhagen	6 May 76	19:35	SK 988	c/o Mikala Erstad, Ehlersvej 7, 2900, Hellerup, Denmark.
Copenhagen	14 May 76	11:30	LH 015	Munich	14 May 76	14:05	LH 015	c/o Dr.(med) H. Gangloff, Munich 80, W. Germany. Tel: xxx-xxxxxxx
Munich	18 May 76	09:35	SR 551	Zurich	18 May 76	10:25	SR 551	(In Transit)
Zurich	18 May 76	11:35	SR 242	Geneva	18 May 76	12:15	SR 242	c/o Mme. Stella Jaquerod, "Le Prieure", 1163, Etoy (VD), Switzerland. Tel:021-763533
Geneva	22 May 76	12:25	AF 1691	Nice	22 May 76	14:10	AF 1691	c/o Mr. Andre Poray, L'Hippocampe, Port-Issol, Sanary-83 Tel: 74 04 66
Nice	1 June 76	16:20	AF 2642	Rome	1 June 76	17:20	AF 2642	c/o Mr. G.L. Saravanamuttu, Via Annibale De Caspiris, Roma-00143 Tel: 5919115
Rome	7 June 76	15:35	SK 682	Copenhagen	7 June 76	17:50	SK 682	c/o Mikala Erstad, Ehlersvej 7, 2900, Hellerup, Denmark.
Copenhagen	22 June 76	11:35	SK 987	Delhi	23 June 76	01:55	SK 987	—

NOTE: Revered Master will arrive at Delhi on the morning of 4th May from Shahjahanpur and will be staying with the Preceptor-in-charge of our Delhi centre, Shri M.S. Sundara, 14, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi-11.

Abhyasis in India are requested not to correspond with Master while on tour unless it is essential. In case letters are addressed to Master, these should be posted at least eight days prior to date of arrival in the city to which correspondence is addressed.

No. 687/Misc.

Shahjahanpur
20th April 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter together with the prescription given to Umesh. I consulted him (Chief Medical Officer) and he agrees with the type of treatment prescribed by the doctor. Today the work of the ashram will be wholly complete.

I believe you have got the "P" form for yourself. I pray that this may not be a hurdle. I do not know whether I require "P" form. I am reaching Delhi by car in the evening of 4th May 1976. Please inform me whether I have to do anything in this connection at Delhi. You already know that I intend putting up with Mr. Sundara and I am writing to him also.

Umesh should do regulation in diet (*parhej*). I will send money, if he requires for the treatment.

With blessings,

Your affectionately,
Ram Chandra

P.S. You may please ask Umesh to do exercise regularly. This is a must for him and Chief Medical Officer says that it is essential.

No. 691/Tour (1976)

Shahjahanpur
21st April 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

You had sent to me the visa application forms for Switzerland, France, Netherlands and Italy and later you have written to me the visas are not required for Denmark and Germany.

In your tour programme you have not mentioned anything about our visit to Netherlands. I don't know whether this has been done intentionally with the idea that in between the dates we may go to Netherlands or whether it has been omitted through some oversight. Will you kindly write to me on this.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

TELEGRAM **23rd April 1976**

To: Sahaj Marg, Shahjahanpur (242001)

ATTENTION REVERED MASTER P FORMS AND TICKETS FOR COMPLETE JOURNEY FOR BOTH RECEIVED TODAY PRANAMS

PARTHASARATHI

Madras
23rd April 1976

Revered Master,

I have just received your letter Ref. 687/Misc dated 20th April and I am happy to inform you that P Forms from Reserve Bank for both of us have been obtained three days back as also the Swiss, Italian and French visas for stay in those countries. I am going to receive the tickets for the journey within an hour along with passports etc. So all the formalities are now complete and there is nothing remaining to be done either here or at Delhi.

I am reaching Delhi by air on the 4th evening at 9:30 P.M. and will be in Shri Sundara's residence by 10:00 P.M. I have received Shri Sundara's affectionate letter confirming that I can stay with you in their residence.

I note what you say regarding Umesh and shall convey the same to him. If he needs any money for treatment he will write to you.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 696/Sp.

Shahjahanpur
24th April 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your telegram and the long letter. Sarvesh had written to me that since he could not go to Umesh's place at Madras, Umesh is very angry with him. He said that because there was so much luggage and probably a servant also, he thought that accommodation at Umesh's place will fall short. His son and wife both were ill at the time with him. On receiving letter of Umesh writing to me previously to send Sarvesh, immediately as his promotion was due, Sarvesh had proceeded to join duty at the earliest. The delay in the way was not proper. These are very minor things. One should not take such things so deeply.

Regarding other points mentioned in your letter, I would discuss when we meet at Delhi. Umesh should have faith in your words.

Sulochana (Bari Bahu) has got her seat in *trikuti* connected with the *bank nal* and within a few days I shall send her in the *brahmand.* Radhaswamy Mat has named *bank nal* for the way between *trikuti* and *brahmand mandal.* She requires cleaning still and that you do.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
26th April 1976

Revered Master,

Your letter ref. 691/Tour/1976 of 21st April. Our Netherlands preceptor Mr. Jan Van Den Beemt wrote to me that he is called up for military service and therefore will not be available during your visit. Therefore your visit to Netherlands stands cancelled and no visa has been taken for that country. The few Netherlands abhyasis who are there will come to meet you in Denmark.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

12th July 1976

Shri Uma Shanker Arya
Sitapur

Dear brother,

Your letter No.134/SRCM-Srp of 10th June 1976 with enclosures received, read out to Master and discussed.

I am glad to inform you that Master is pleased to accept the donation of the plot of land alongside the Brick Road at Hardoi, measuring 8 metres along the road (N to S), 8 metres on the southern side (N to E), 6.4 metres on the north side (W to E) and 8 metres on the backside (N to S) with two built-up rooms 3 metres x 3 metres and 3 metres x 5 metres and one small room 1½ metres x 2 metres and a *zina*, to the Shri Ram Chandra Mission by the owner Shri J.P. Misra and conveys His blessings to the donor and others around him.

Master is further pleased to authorise the sale of the unbuilt plot of land previously donated to the Mission by the same brother Shri J.P. Misra, and also for the application of the entire proceeds of the sale for construction of a Meditation Hall of suitable dimensions, in the first floor, over the existing rooms and partly extending outwards towards the east as may be necessary and also of a verandah.

It is understood that the existing two larger rooms will be continued to be rented out and the rent receipts will accrue to the Mission from the date of donation, for utilisation on the Ashram maintenance expenditure.

With kind regards,

Yours,
In the service of the Master
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

Please acknowledge receipt.

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur - This matter was discussed with you at Madras and reply finalised as per draft handed over to me by my father Shri C.A. Rajagopalachari.

No. C-887/G.S.P.R. **Shahjahanpur**
16th July 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

When you were here last you discussed the question of undertaking travels for the purposes of inspecting Mission centres and requested my approval. I informed you that as a general measure you are competent to decide on this yourself being the General Secretary of the Mission. However, to ratify my verbal sanction I am issuing this letter to you approving the following:

1. Approval is granted to all past travel undertaken by you on Mission work involving expenditure of Mission finances.

2. I also confirm that as General Secretary of the Mission you may undertake travel anywhere by air, rail or such other transport as may be convenient and it is unnecessary to obtain individual sanction for each tour from me as the President.
3. This general sanction will authorise expenses incurred by you in the course of your travels and needs no special ratification from me.

As required by you I am sending a copy of this letter to our auditors for their information.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra
President

No. 892/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
18th July 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

I reached here safely on 14th. Stomach ache is continuing, but recovery is hoped to start soon. At Delhi Mr. Don had a very strong electric shock from a pedestal fan. He remained clinged with the rod of the fan for two minutes, the time taken to put off the switch. It was all the work of my Master, who saved his life. In an hour I found him (as he also stated) recovered and he left for Canada the same night.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

No. /VIP-1 **Shahjahanpur**
29th July 1976

My dear Raghavendra Rao,

I had been to the West for about two and a half months. During all the time there, I was mostly confined to bed. Even then I worked, whatever I could do. The result was very glittering. The satsanghis of these places became very strong and there are so many who felt charmed, appreciating the method at each step. It was all due to the benign grace of my Master.

Now, I am gaining strength and the acidic pain is subsiding. I am under the treatment of a good doctor at Lucknow for more than a year. I want to go to Lucknow for a check-up but when the anxieties are removed.

An ordinance has been passed by the U.P. government making it mandatory for the religious and charitable institutions to be registered with the government even though they may previously be registered under the Societies Act 1860 as our Mission was. In the ordinance itself there are many sections and rules which give big power to the concerning authorities to exercise quite a big control over the affairs of the institutions. I appreciate this idea and this idea probably has originated because of the deplorable conditions rampant in the so-called Masters and religious institutions, etc.

But regarding our Mission, everybody who follows realises the efficacy of the system and my work and how properly and honestly, completely within the law, we are doing this work. I have not to convince you in this matter. You have your personal experience of the institution and its work.

In the ordinance, the government has exempted about twenty-three such institutions of the state, even *akharas*. Our Mission has somehow been left out and has not been exempted. I am applying to the Governor, U.P., for giving exemption to the Mission also. Giving exemption is solely at the discretion of the Governor, who has promulgated the

Ordinance. Of course, he will give us exemption if he at all feels that we deserve it.

Since you are a preceptor of the Mission, I am writing this to you for your information and any action as you deem fit in this regard.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

cc. The General Secretary (Shri P. Rajagopalachari), Shri Ram Chandra Mission at Madras for his information and necessary action.

Registered Post

No. C-930/VIP/1

Shahjahanpur
30th July 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

I hope you have received a copy of the letter sent to Shri Raghavendra Rao, DIG Kurnool. Chief difficulty before me is that the statements of account are not sent in time in spite of so many reminders. I do not know how they can be called faithful to the Mission. The laws are there and the centres have been impressed that timely work is needed. But they are not doing. We want quarterly statements. How to manage these things. Further, on I am not giving new permission to open the accounts in the name of the Mission on account of the said difficulty. All these things are due to their laziness, which is harmful to the Mission.

I am sending you the ordinance of U.P. Government You go through it and advise me and others as necessary.

You will be glad to know that my hernia trouble seems to be over since my return from the West. I am using belt still. I do not know whether the German tubes worked to remove the hernia. Anyway I feel better.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

P.S. You may keep the U.P. Government Ordinance 1976 with you for work and guidance.

Madras
2nd August 1976

Revered Master,

I am in receipt of copy of your letter ref. VIP/1 addressed to brother Raghavendra Rao of Kurnool.

When I heard about this ordinance I had written to brother Prakash requesting him to send me a copy of the same which he agreed to do. If he can expedite, it will be possible for me to consult people here if anything remains to be done.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
6th August 1976

Revered Master,

I have received your letter Ref. C-930/VIP/1 dated 30th July together with a copy of the U.P. Government Ordinance 1976. The best thing would be to apply for exemption immediately and get our Mission exempted from the scope of the ordinance.

We are all happy to hear that your hernia trouble is over and we pray for your complete good health.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Shahjahanpur
7th August 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 2nd August 1976. I have already sent the printed copy of the ordinance. It must have been received by you by now. I sent this book by registered post. Today I am sending you a copy of an extract from *The Pioneer* dated 7th August 1976.

I feel that I have left a bottle of olive oil with Umesh. Because here with me it is not found. If it is there he should send it with any abhyasi who comes here. He need not send by post. Sarvesh has reached here safely. Luggage has not yet reached. It may take ten days more.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Enclosures:

1. A copy of the letter to the Registrar Lucknow University with a list of books.
2. A copy of letter to Robert Koch.
3. A copy of letter of Shri A. Poray.
4. Reply to A. Poray.
5. Copy of article in *Pioneer*.

C-942/Sp.W.B.

Shahjahanpur
31st July 1976

Mr. R. Koch
78 Freiburg
Moslestr. 7. 0761/76930
P.Soh.Ka 415926-751
W. Germany

Dear brother,

After devoting two and a half months in Europe, I came back to India. Acidic pain of course troubled me much. Now I feel better. As the baby grows, the object of life seems to change at each step till he comes finally on some object. Finale is finale now for myself and I am adhering to it. In such poor health I have been to Europe twice, with the motive that all of us may become spiritualised. That still stands and will stand in future. Money brings its own decay while spirituality develops in its own development.

I had prepared you for the work only because our German brothers along with others may improve but I am sorry the circumstances could not allow you to do the job. Money is important for our gracious living and livelihood at its base but that is not only the object. The value of life is not governed by money but by high morals. You could not do the work as you say on account of financial stringency. Of course it brings restlessness sometimes and it is a bit necessary item also but if you would have added a little restlessness for giving approach to the people, both the things would have gone side by side.

Now I want to speak a little about myself also. To you there was financial stringency while I was miserably flying towards poverty. I did all that work you see. This I have done when I was poverty stricken. Why you are not successful and I am successful? The reply I have given just above.

Shri Aurobindo was a saint and was highly intellectual and his writings are valued much. The people run after knowledge and the wise people run after something very superior. The real Knowledge comes from the saint, intellectuals develop it.

When hunger is there, food is there.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Copy of letter dated 17 July 1976 from Mr. A. Poray of France to the Revered Master.

Dear Master,

By a letter of Chari, we are happy to know that you had a good trip back India and that you were happy, about Sahaj Marg, about the results you could find in Europe.

In Sahaj Marg, when we want to explain, the paradox is that we have to "speak" about "silence".

So, I would like to have your advice. If I have to speak to "intellectual" people, can I say:

The only way is to "experiment". We need words to explain how to start.

So, by the prayer, we go from outside noise to outside silence. By the cleaning, we go from outside silence to inside silence. Internal darkness is an inside noise coming from tension of the body and of the mind. Removing tensions makes a vacuum.

Meditation is starting by this vacuum. By the silence inside and outside, your "outside" becomes like your "inside". If you have a feeling, it is a feeling of transparence. To be "transparent" is to be free from heaviness. Don't look for impressions, you would lose your transparence.

State of transparence is out of limitations: keep the memory of this state in your usual life, so that the events of your day-life are just coming and going on this state. Then you are on the way.

If, during meditation, you see suddenly that your mind is turning with thoughts, come back on your heart: but if you went too far by too strong thoughts, it is not easy.

At this point, Master, I would like to have your advice. Because, to be not rigid, I try to give a choice and I say:

If treating those thoughts like strangers is not enough, take a choice:

1. Saying again, once, in silence, the prayer.
2. Say, in silence, the sound "OM" in your heart.
3. Put your attention, for a short time, on your breathing without changing it.

We are living in relative levels, so our goal is also relative. It is a moving point on a changing horizon. We can't do anything beyond that: so grace is there. We can give love but we receive grace: maybe "love" and "grace" are the two forms of energy, going in two different directions.

So, dear Master, I put my love at your feet and thanks for your grace.

A. Poray

C-948/Sp. France **Shahjahanpur**
2nd August 1976

My dear Poray,

Received your affectionate letter. We are bound by "Yes" or "No". But we do not know where to apply "Yes" or where to apply "No". This thing comes from the experience and experience comes from the experiment. When you think of anything in the affirmative way, it is explained. Further on, if we speak "No" for certain things then "No" is explained. When the tension is caused, de-tension goes. When the tension goes de-tension is there, which is not so heavy but still it is something. When both are gone that can be called the stage of Silence or the partial vacuum. There is no total vacuum, but we want to have as much, as is possible. Total vacuum is God alone. When we merge in Divinity, the state of vacuum begins to dissolve itself, till it comes to the nearest. I think the subject is something other than that of your letter but it gives some knowledge of the Absolute.

Silence is a part of a few grains of spirituality and not the Reality itself. If we want to explain it, we can say that silence in Silence, as I had written to you before, is nearer to God. That means Silence is itself the seat on which Silence stands. It can be shown practically and that you can do well. Just have an idea and the thing will start. Sahaj Marg is a practical method for Realisation and by practice alone we can interpret silence. There are so many worms outside, which our naked eye cannot see but they are there. So, silence is there in abstract form, though we may not be able to see it. It can be seen by constant practice. This is another way of explaining the same thing.

"So, by the prayer, we go from outside noise to outside silence. By the cleaning we go from outside silence to inside silence. Internal darkness is an inside noise coming from tension of the body and of the mind. Removing tensions makes a vacuum."—It does not sound well. By prayer we come nearer to our Goal because we come in contact with the Being. There are two things, a goal of life and you yourself. Now, that yourself wants to merge in its Real Essence hence we derive benefit. If we remove all these things coming in, you will develop only hypnotic power. The same thing gives you Nectar if methodically done and the same proves harmful if it is not methodical. The method you know already.

Removing the tension means growing lighter not creating the vacuum. That is a sort of **change** towards good. State of transparence is not a state totally devoid of limitations because there is something which allows you to peep into it.

Thoughts during meditation are just like the children playing on the road. When your attention is not towards thoughts, they are ineffective and are of no value. Thoughts do not disturb you, but you feel disturbed. The best way to get rid of them, you have yourself said. They rise for the sake of fall. They are leaving their field, waiting for the Divinity to come in. It is our system that we want to be away from all things not necessary. Point "B" given in my book *Efficacy of Raja Yoga* is the homeland of the impressions. When the force of the meditation tears off the veil of the heart, these thoughts are attracted because of a little bit of vacuum which is there. When thoughts arise you feel disturbance. So, the thoughts do not meddle with you. You meddle with them.

Mr. Blans Alain of 29 Avenue des Pyences, Gerde, 65200 Bagneres de Bigorre, France, is here with me since 31 July 1976. He proposes to stay for about eight to ten days more. So far, he has not shown any inclination towards practising meditation. Of course he is reading books.

With blessings, to all of you,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Shahjahanpur
7th August 1976

Birthe Haugaard
Denmark

Dear Sister,

Received your affectionate letter. I brought some work for me to do here as well and you have noticed it. If it gives the nice effect then I am very happy. If the disciple gains absorbency in God, he will succeed in his pursuit all along the path. If total absorbency is there, all his work he does will become Divine. If you are short of absorbency—as much as you are short of it, you will have the deficiency to the same degree on this side. Only the will of the Master works when the Master and disciple become one. A hungry man, if he gets hard bread he takes it and it satisfies his hunger but not the desire. Desire swims on the other point and it is as it is, but his hunger is satisfied. You should now control that desire. You will have to play your part for your making also. Of course help is there but proper utilisation is your work. Master is responsible for all work if it is of the Divine Nature. If it is otherwise then that becomes the work of your-Self.

Real love develops in pure mind having its nature Divine. We can only know unknown when we become unknown. Sometimes these things come and go but we should grasp it and make it permanent. From there, you rise above it.

My object of life now is that everybody should become the life personified, life in life. You have not yet fully tasted the beautiful flowers of the garden and I pray for it that you taste them to the full. This is the thing for which the kings of ancient times used to leave their thrones and go to the forest for penance. But in Sahaj Marg system we try that all our actions may become penances themselves.

I remember Hosmus Babu very much. Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
10th August 1976

My Beloved Master,

I have received your letter of 7th August with enclosures, and noted contents.

1. **On 8th August 1976** provisional permission was granted here at Madras to

Shri. G. Seshadri
"Deena Dandhri"
1-108, Vani Nagar
Malkajigiri
Hyderabad 500047

Kindly send the provisional permission certificate direct to him with a copy to me for my files.

2. I have studied the case of some preceptors and recommend strongly that provisional permission granted to the following should be immediately withdrawn in writing by you.

Was granted P-P at Nagpur. No work done last 6 years.	1) Shri K.R. Vasudevan c/o Shri R. Veera Raghavan 39, 1st Main Road Raja Annamalipuram Madras 600028
Not working for several years now.	2) Shri S. Sethuratnam c/o Shri. A.S. Muthukrishna Iyer, Retired Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax No. 1 Yogambal Street T. Nagar Madras 600017
Are not working since they left Virudhunagar in 1970	3) Shri K. Navanathan 4) Mrs. Saroja Navanathan c/o M/s Rajagopalan Paper & Board Mill Umayalpuram, Rayavaram

Pudukkotai District
Tamil Nadu

5) Shri. K. Mahalingam
c/o Shri R. Vira Raghavan, was granted provisional permission at Salem. Is a cause of much indiscipline and disturbance among Trichy preceptors. Now posted at Madras.

If you approve this may be done. I am studying about others and shall write about more persons later.

3. My wife's health has been bothering me. She has sudden rise of blood pressure. She also complains of pain in the upper left chest after physical exertion. A heart specialist was consulted and he says there is nothing to worry. However, I request you to study her case and do the needful. You are the Divine Heart specialist and I pray for your help.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

13th August 1976

Revered Master,

Reorganisation of Accounts, Publications and Sales procedures to effect work-rationalisation and smoother accounting,

I have studied the Mission's working both at headquarters and at the level of centres in some detail, and given considerable thought to the matter of re-organisation of work to enable, primarily, better accounting procedures to be framed. Our main problem is that too many centres are handling Mission properties, publications and money and so accounting by too many centres is involved. This creates problems at head office in consolidation of the accounts in time. I therefore make the following proposals for your consideration which, if approved by you, can be and must desirably be implemented from 1st October 1976, the Mission's new accounting year.

1. **Accounts:** I propose that there be only one main centre of the Mission in each state of the Indian Union. This centre will be the only billing centre for sales, and receipting centre for donations. This centre will consequently be the only accounting centre in each state. In U.P. and Karnataka there will be two accounting centres each. By doing this we will reduce the total number of centres which will have accounting responsibility to the following:-

U.P.: Shahjahanpur H.O. and Lucknow
Delhi: Delhi
Gujarat: Ahmedabad
Maharashtra: Bombay
Karnataka: Bangalore and Raichur
Tamil Nadu: Madras
Andhra Pradesh: Hyderabad
West Bengal: Calcutta
Assam: Tinsukia

There will therefore be only ten centres other than headquarters itself entrusted with finance and accounting responsibilities. Within their states these centres will handle sales, collection of donations, etc., by delegation, but all accounting will be centralised at the state main centre only. Sales of books within each state will be only on cash basis. Where centres are also doing printing of books, transfer of books on "Transfer A/c" will be only to other state centres and **NOT** within the state itself. For donations, state main centres may provide receipt books to trusted and competent preceptors in other locations within the state and organise matters in such a way that all collections (cash, cheques, drafts) are sent once a month, or oftener as decided, to the state main centre for banking and accounting.

2. **Publications:** It is undesirable to have too many centres involved in this work. I suggest the following publications policy:-

English language books - H.O. and Madras

Hindi - H.O. and Allahabad

Other languages - One selected centre in each state to
be entrusted with this work. It
should preferably be the state main
centre itself.

Where a regional language publication is undertaken at any centre other than the main centre of the state, the main centre will finance cost of publication and take the printed material into its stocks, and process sales as if from its main centre (i.e., books printed at Navsari will be financed for cost from Ahmedabad). Printed books will be transferred to Ahmedabad stock a/c though they may lie physically in Navsari. Transfer and cash sales will be by Ahmedabad centre bills, and sales proceeds realised will be credited to Ahmedabad centre account. Same procedure will apply in the case of Allahabad printing where all accounting will be done by Lucknow centre. In effect transfer of books on Transfer account will only be between state main centres as in the list above. Smaller centres in each state will collect orders and procure stocks against cash payment from the state main centre, which will account such sales as cash sales. They will not bill the subsidiary centre but only raise cash bill.

3. **Construction of Ashram etc.**: State main centres will forward proposals for ashram buildings in their state for consideration by the General Secretary. Approved construction will be financed by local state collections and augmented by finance to be collected all over India for this under Corpus account. Here too, accounting will be the responsibility of the state main centres.

If these proposals are approved, the following procedure will have to be adopted for effecting a smooth changeover to the new procedure:

a) Each state main centre must take over all stocks of publications, cash, etc., on 1st October 1976 and bring it into its own books of accounts, while simultaneously closing the account books with state subsidiary centres and taking over such books for audit and future safe-keeping.

b) New procedure to be followed thereafter by distributing receipt books for donation-collection to selected persons.

c) Bank accounts to be opened at state main centres under resolutions to be passed by the Working Committee for this purpose. Allahabad Bank to be preferred wherever they have a branch.

d) Existing liabilities by smaller centres for transfer of books to be liquidated before 25th September 1976, or where this is not possible the state main centre to take over such liabilities.

If this re-organisation is approved by you and the auditors, brother Kishore may be requested to draft a circular letter embodying the new procedures to be sent to all centres of the Mission so that the new procedures can come into effect from 1st October 1976.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Shri S.C. Kishore for advance information so that he can discuss this with you when he comes to Shahjahanpur on 18th August.

I am also sending a copy to Shri Raghavendra Rao at Bijapur for his consideration and advice.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

cc. Shri S.C. Kishore, Delhi
cc. Shri Raghavendra Rao, Bijapur

16th August 1976

Shri D. Radhakrishna Rao
Belampalli (A.P.)

Dear brother,

Now that Master has been pleased to grant you provisional permission to work as a prefect I hope you will take up the work in right earnest. As discussed with you in person at Madras, you will be responsible for the development of the Mission work in Bellampalli, Mandamari, Ramakrishnapur and Tandur. I would request you to let me have a monthly report on your activities.

With best wishes,

Yours,
In the service of the Master
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur
cc. Shri N. Kumaraswamy, Hyderabad

Madras
23rd August 1976

Beloved Master,

On your behalf provisional permission has been granted to the following two abhyasi brothers on dates shown at Madras, and I request you to send the certificates direct to them.

1. Shri D. Radhakrishna Rao
   Colliery Manager M. Pit
   Bellampalli (Adilabad Dist.)
   Andhra Pradesh 504251
   Date of Permission: 15th August 1976

2. Shri D.V.P. Rama Rao
Assistant Engineer (Electricity)
E.H.T. Lines
Vijayapuri-North
Nalgonda Dist.
Andhra Pradesh
Date of Permission: 22nd August 1976

These areas are developing well and there are no preceptors there. Hence this action has been taken.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
23rd August 1976

Revered Master,

My father has just received a letter from Dr. Hanns Gangloff of Munich saying that the young boy Rolf Muller is due to visit Shahjahanpur on 10th September or so, to be with you for sometime. I think you remember this boy who was in Munich and who later accompanied Dr. Hanns Gangloff to Switzerland and to France and who also came again to Denmark at the end of your tour for about ten days.

Dr. Hanns is somewhat worried about this boy's temperament and stability and has confidentially written that he is already creating some unrest and disputes in the Munich group. Dr. Hanns has expressed a fear that he may be granted provisional permission when he comes to see you and has requested that this should not be done.

Inasmuch as we have already enough preceptors in Europe (totalling 47 now) I do not think there is any need for further preceptors at least the whole of 1977. I shall discuss this when

I meet you next but in the meantime please do not grant any permission to this boy Rolf Muller when he comes as otherwise this is likely to upset Dr. Hanns Gangloff and the Munich working of the Mission.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

PS: I have written several letters to you but I have not had any reply so far. I hope they have all reached you and look forward to hearing from you soon.

No. 1052/A/CS **Shahjahanpur**
26th August 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter. Shri S.C. Kishore, Chartered Accountant was here on the 18th instant. Since he was quite busy, he could not get time to go in detailed discussion regarding re-organisation of accounts. It of course appeared that he is not in favour of the proposed changes still for two years to come. He hopes that things will brighten up within this period and there may be no occasion to effect changes. However, he has told that he will write a detailed note on the subject which is awaited. On receipt of the same, necessary action will be taken.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

P.S. Permission will not be given Rolf.

Copy forwarded to Shri Raghavendra Rao, Principal Govt. Polytechnic, Bijapur, with reference to his letter dated 16th August 1976 addressed to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, and copy endorsed to me.

President

No. 1083/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
3rd September 1976

Dear brother,

Received your letter. Certificates for full permission to Shri R. Venkatasubba Reddy of Cuddapah and Bari Bahu of Madras, in original are sent enclosed herewith. Please arrange to deliver them to the persons concerned. A copy for each of these two is sent for your file.

The certificate of Shri Gopal Rao Majumdar of Gulbarga will be sent to him direct and a copy of the same will be sent to you for your record.

I understand from our bankers here that any foreign payments have to be reported to the Reserve Bank of India by the institution concerned. So, you may kindly do it with regard to the money received from Elidir Davies writing therein that Allahabad Bank Madras may have sent to the RBI the necessary information as was being done so far. Fifty copies of the book *My Master* have been received.

The vouchers of Madras centre which you had sent for checking by the C.A., Mr. S.C. Kishore, are being returned herewith for your record.

A copy of the order No. 58/59 (4)/73-74/S.Tech. dated 26th August 1976 of the Commissioner, Income Tax, Lucknow exempting donations to the Mission from the income tax is also enclosed herewith.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
7th September 1976

Revered Master,

I have today received your letter of September 3rd sent through brother Shri B. Rajagopal together with the two permission certificates with their copies. I have also received a copy of the communication C. No. 58/59 (4/73-74/S.Tech) issued to the Mission headquarters by the Office of the Commissioner of Income Tax, Lucknow, dated 26th August 1976. We shall make a suitable rubber stamp to be put on the receipts immediately. Brother Rajagopal told me about the clarification necessary on corpus account and I have written to brother Kishore seeking clarification and a copy of my letter is attached.

As far as reporting to RBI regarding donations received from abroad is concerned, I wonder whether this should be done in a centralised fashion from Headquarters or this should be done by individual centres. This also I have asked for clarification.

I am sorry to hear that your health is very weak and that you are not at all well. I hope you will take due care by avoiding as much work as you can.

By mistake a copy of our letter addressed to headquarters has been returned with the voucher file. This is being returned for headquarters' records. I confirm having received the file of vouchers for the previous year sent through Shri B. Rajagopal.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

18th September 1976

Shri R. Ramachandra Reddy
Cuddapah (A.P.)

Dear brother,

You handed over to me a letter from the Cuddapah District N.G.O.'s Co-operative Building Society Ltd., No. 1154, Cuddapah, dated 4th September 1976, from which it is clear that the above society is willing to allot free of cost a site for the construction of the Ashram for the Mission, but it is noted that this allotment is conditional on the Mission agreeing to conduct a nursery school together with a free medical clinic for children.

I do not think the Mission is as yet equipped to undertake these other activities and offhand I would say that the Mission will not be able to accept an allotment of land under these conditions.

However, I am referring this matter to our Revered Master for his final decision with a request that he conveys to you direct under advice to me and you may act on his instructions. I am returning herewith the original letter from the society for your files.

With best wishes,

Yours,
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur

No. 1272/VTF-1

Shahjahanpur
28th/29th September 1976

Dear Parthasarathi,

I am sending herewith a copy of letter dated 17th September 1976 of Mr. Jens Clausen of Denmark along with the programme of visit to Shahjahanpur from foreign associates, for your information.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Enclosures: Three only.

Copy of the letter dated 17th September 1976 from Jens Clausen, Secretary, Danish Centre, Denmark, received here on 23rd September 1976.

Dear Master,

As has been the case the previous years, also this year a number of abhyasis have planned to visit you during the autumn and winter season. As we from Denmark are able to arrange these travels with considerable reduced flight fares, it has been natural to co-ordinate these travels from here. So again this year we have tried to arrange smaller groups, limiting each group to a number of five or six abhyasis. Also everyone has agreed to limit their stay in Shahjahanpur to about twelve days. As most people are only able to be off from work during Christmas time, we have found that the group arriving in the end of December could be of a greater number (about ten), taking into consideration that the new ashram building is by now finished so this group if necessary could stay there.

Also for the Basant Panchami celebration we are expecting that a group of abhyasis will come to Shahjahanpur. But about this I will inform you later, when I have got the names of the group.

I am enclosing a list with names of those abhyasis who to my knowledge have planned to visit you, and I am also giving the approximate dates of arrival and departure at Shahjahanpur.

We all hope you will agree to these arrangements.

May you stay in good health.

Yours affectionately,
Jens Clausen

Groups of abhyasis arriving from Europe during the autumn and winter season 1976-77:

Approximate dates of arrival and departure at Shahjahanpur	Abhyasis Name	Country
1976	Jytte Gravesen	Denmark
18 Nov to 31 Oct	Anne Gravesen	-
	Kirsten Carlsen	-
	Bjorn Juvik	-
16 Nov to 28 Nov	Klaus Hansen	Denmark
	Andre Rombout	Holland
	Jan van den Beemt	-
	Anne Marie van Steven	-
	Jurgen Clemens	Germany
	Hjordis Andersson	-
7 Dec to 19 Dec	Mikala Erstad	Denmark
	Hanne Riise	-
	Leif Larsson	-
	Flemming Ris	-
21 Dec to 30 Dec	Henning Thomsen	Denmark
	Solvejg Jensen	-
	Michael Hjerno	-
	Kjeld W. Olesen	-
	Ebbe Royrup	-
	Pierre Faideau	France
	Mrs. Faideau	-
	Bernadette van Steven	Holland
	Jennie van der Halst	-

1977 5 Jan to 17 Jan	Jan Gravesen	Denmark
	Thomas Mogensen	-
	Jens Clausen	-
	Palle Kousgaard	-
	Susanne Krause	-
	Jean Visnec	-

Registered Post

No. /G.S.C.

Shahjahanpur
3rd October 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letters. We had a talk with Shri S.C. Kishore, Chartered Accountant when he was here last time and he says that money in corpus account cannot be spent, only its income can be utilised. Donations to the building fund only will go to the building fund and not to the corpus account. This position was made clear in a circular sent to all preceptors requesting them to obtain specific instructions of the donors for taking their donations to the corpus account.

With regard to your letter dated 15th September 1976 addressed to Shri Kishore and copy to us, it is not that donations above Rs. 1000-00 only should be received under the head “Corpus Donations”. Any amount can be taken as such.

It has now been decided in consultation with the Chartered Accountant that reporting to central government and maintenance of account regarding foreign contributions, should be done by the headquarters. In this connection, I would advise you to kindly go through the “Foreign Contributions (Regulation) Act & Rules of 1976” of the Government of India. This may be available at Madras. However, I am sending extracts from this act concerning us for your information and necessary action.

I think whatever little foreign contributions there are, these are received either by the head office or by Madras centre.

Other centres do not have them. But still you are requested to send a circular letter to such other centres not to accept any foreign contribution and if at all they receive, they should send the same immediately to the head office, giving full details of such contributions to enable the head office to keep its proper record and report to the Government of India in time i.e., within thirty days of the receipt of such contribution. This is a very important matter. Intimation of the receipt of a foreign contribution has to be sent to us immediately so that there should be some time left to the head office to report to government in the stipulated time of thirty days. A copy of your circular may be sent to me for our record.

From the extracts of the Act sent to you, you will see that both Indian and foreign currency receipts are to be reported and a separate bank account for such receipts has to be kept and a separate accounting in cash books etc. has to be done. This will be done at the headquarters. For the purpose therefore, it becomes necessary that all amounts of such receipts are to be sent immediately to the head office for keeping in bank accounts here. We are of course reporting receipt of US dollars 54 from USA as reported by you in your letter dated 8th September 1976. This money should be sent to us early for depositing in the bank account here. We propose opening two bank accounts for the purpose, namely "Foreign Contributions Corpus Account" and "Foreign Contribution General Fund Account".

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Enclosure: as above.

No. 14 /G.S.C. **Shahjahanpur**
3rd October 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

I am sending the letter of Mr. Randy Walker in original to you. Since you are the General Secretary in-charge Administration, you may send a proper reply to him.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

14th September 1976

Dear Master,

We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and in good spirits. All has been going well with us. Our boy, Siddhartha, is almost two years old and we are expecting our second child in February.

We have been keeping up the meditation and trying to live according to your precepts. However, I have been troubled about my role as a preceptor. You see, I have not wanted to be a missionary. In the USA there are so many spiritual groups, all seeking members. It sometimes seems more political than spiritual. I think we should try to see the truth in all of the spiritual paths instead of joining one group instead of another.

When I heard from the USA Sahaj Marg headquarters that we preceptors should be more active in our pursuit of new members, I was disappointed and decided that it would be better for all if I gave up my position as a preceptor, since I was not interested in publicizing and bringing new members into Sahaj Marg. Instead, I have been trying to focus on the truth as seen in all religions and relate to people in the context in which they are experiencing reality. Perhaps I have not been living a pure enough life to attract more abhyasis to Sahaj

Marg through me. Hopefully, I can still do the work of the Mission as an abhyasi.

Much love to you.

Yours,
Randy Walker

Madras
4th October 1976

My Beloved Master,

I have received your letter 1272/VTF-1 of 29th September with enclosures.

1) This morning provisional permission has been granted to:

Shri C. Srinivas Chari
SME. 5 Incline
Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd.
P.O. Rudrampur
A.P. 507119

He will be in charge of Kothagudam and Palancha centres. Kindly issue a provisional permission certificate. Date of provisional permission 4th October 1976.

2) My father is in Delhi. He will arrive at Shahjahanpur by Kashi Vishwanath on evening of 8th October 1976. Since he is carrying a lot of books please ask someone to meet him at the station. If he does not come on 8th evening, then he will arrive by Lucknow Mail on 9th morning.

Mr. Chari's certificate may be given to him as he is visiting Bellampalli before returning to Madras and can hand it over there to brother C.S. Chari.

Pranams,

Affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
7th October 1976

Revered Master,

Shri R.N. Mahendrakar of Hyderabad has been repeatedly recommending Shri Meda Ramiah of Hyderabad for provisional permission. I however do not consider him mature enough for this work. Perhaps he may write to you in this matter when you may decide. I enclose a copy of my letter written to him today for your information.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Enclosed: as above.

7th October 1976

(Confidential)

Shri R.N. Mahendrakar
Hyderabad (A.P.)

Dear brother,

I am in receipt of your inland letter of the 1st and postcard of the 4th instant and am glad to note that Shri Krishna Rao and family are going to Shahjahanpur in November.

Shri K.R. Vasudevan is here but he is not active.

Regarding Shri Meda Ramiah about whom you referred several times in your letter, silence is the answer.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master

Madras
8th October 1976

My Beloved Master,

I hope your health is improved and that you are not having any pains. I also hope your eye trouble is gone and that the visit to the eye doctor proved beneficial. May Lalaji grant that you are ever with us, hale and hearty.

My father will bring this letter to you. Please advise him that he should give up the childish hobby of stamp collection. It is also proving to be quite expensive—though he is hiding his affairs from me. It is also taxing him physically and ruining his eyesight which is already bad. He has only one eye and should not work for hours at night—which he does after all of us go to sleep. The competitive urge to win prizes has not left him and is, to my mind, demoralising him considerably. Unless you tell him frankly and forcibly he will not change. I am sure he will listen to you if you talk plainly about this.

His physical health is good, but his hands are shaking. With his poor eyesight he should not travel except for essential purposes. Now all his travel is only for stamps—and he includes some Mission work so that I will not object to his travelling! Please advise him in a positive manner. I hope he will come back from you a changed man.

We are all well. Bari Bahu has frequent shoulder pains and headache and the trouble has been diagnosed as spondylitis—a fusing of two or three vertebrae in the spinal column at the area of the neck and upper back. I pray for help in her case also. As for me, you know best. My office worries are continuing, but I bear with everything as a gift from you. I pray for your guidance in all things. I long to see you and be with you and perhaps I shall come in November.

With all my love to you.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
9th October 1976

Revered Master,

I am in receipt of your registered letter of the 3rd October regarding accounting procedures and also with particular reference to foreign donations, and the method of handling them, in line with the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. As desired by Shri A.H. Krishna, our Accountant, there is a separate letter addressed to him with a draft being transfer of overseas funds received at Madras centre.

It is now clear that in corpus account the corpus amount cannot be used but only the interest accruing from such investment can be utilised. So donations to building fund will go into a building fund account.

I will arrange that in future foreign contributions are received exclusively by headquarters as far as this is possible and even if any amounts are received here by cheques or drafts, the same will be posted to Shahjahanpur immediately so that head office can handle the banking and also issue the receipts direct to the abhyasis concerned. As instructed by you, a circular will be sent to all centres in this connection as per copy attached.

I am also sending a circular to all our overseas centres requesting them to make any voluntary donations or contributions only to headquarters so that from the donors' end there will be no complication. I do not know what is the position regarding receipts of funds for magazine subscription and amount received for life subscription for the magazine. These cannot be treated as donations and perhaps Shri Kishore can clarify how such funds should be utilised to conform to the Act.

As far as sales of books to foreign nationals are concerned, I trust there will be no objection in receiving cash in Indian currency and billing on the basis of cash bills. Since this is a sale it should not attract the provisions of the Act. This may also be kindly clarified by brother Kishore.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Shri Kishore direct to Delhi so that he may offer his kind clarification on the points raised in this letter with a request that he sends a copy of his reply to Shahjahanpur.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

cc. Shri S.C. Kishore, Delhi
PS: Re: **Magazine subscription**:

Many abhyasis send their subscriptions direct to headquarters. Few subscribe through the centres. Is it necessary that the centre should maintain in its register details of the direct subscriptions to headquarters too, or is it enough if the centre maintains only the list of subscribers who have tendered the subscription money to the centre itself?

The centres are required to maintain permanent subscriber numbers. It is assumed that headquarters will make this available to the existing abhyasis. Kindly request headquarters to furnish these numbers covering Madras subscribers.

Parthasarathi

No. 83/FCR

Shahjahanpur
16th/18th October 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 9th October 1976 enclosing therewith the copies of circulars issued to our Indian centres and the foreign centres regarding foreign contributions. These meet the situation.

With regard to your query whether the receipt of funds for magazine subscription or for being a life subscriber, your attention is invited to Section 2(c)(ii) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, wherein it has been specifically laid down that "Foreign Contribution" means, "the donation, delivery or transfer made by a foreign source of any currency, whether Indian or Foreign." So, it is felt that all monies received from foreign source, whether they are the above subscriptions or the sale proceeds of the books, have to be dealt with as per requirements of this law.

It is hoped that you must have received the above Act, a copy of which was sent by Shri Krishnaswamy of New Delhi. I am sending a copy of this letter to Shri S.C. Kishore, C.A., Delhi also for his considered opinion.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra
President

Copy forwarded to Shri S.C. Kishore, Chartered Accountant, 3-A, Kamlanagar, Delhi-7 for sending his opinion to us and also to the General Secretary at the earliest.

Ram Chandra
President

Madras
21st October 1976

Revered Master,

I am in receipt of your two letters Nos. 83/FCR and 86/GSC. As regards the first letter regarding foreign contributions, I definitely feel that amounts received on sales of books and for *Patrika* subscriptions will not fall under this Act. Anyway I await brother Kishore's clarification in this matter.

Brother Krishnaswamy has sent me a copy of the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act which I received a few days ago.

Regarding your second letter, I am writing to Dr. V. Parthasarathi, Preceptor, Vijayawada, as per copy enclosed.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
25th October 1976

Dr. Med. Hanns Gangloff
Munich, Germany

My dear Hanns,

Thank you for your kind and affectionate letter of the 16th. I do not know how Rajaji is planning to visit Europe in 1977. Master is against his going alone for any reason and I am trying my best to discourage his tendencies to travel. I would be grateful for your assistance in this matter. I shall mention to him the contents of your paragraph No.2.

I note you want to leave for India as per your plan set out by which you will leave Munich on:
Sunday February 27th - Arrive Delhi, Monday 28th.
Arrive Shahjahanpur - Tuesday March 1st.
Leave Shahjahanpur for Delhi - Thursday March 10th.

I think this will be all right but I am requesting Master to confirm directly from Shahjahanpur. You should hear from him within the next ten days.

I am glad to hear that Mission work is going on very well under your fatherly care. May Master bless you both in your work.

Regarding the European Council Meeting, there is no harm in having a meeting every year, as it is an opportunity to get together. We have seen at the first meeting that there were different attitudes to this form of co-operation, but since Master has blessed it in every way, I do not think there will be active non-cooperation. I am sure you will be able to get a consensus from the European preceptors and go ahead with a meeting, perhaps in the autumn of 1977. I think your understanding that Master does not favour such meetings in wrong. My impression is entirely the opposite.

Regarding further copies of *My Master*, stocks are available in Shahjahanpur and I hope Rolf will collect what you want. If it is not done and if he comes to Madras, I shall deliver to him thirty copies.

With our love to both of you,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master - Please see his programme of visit to India from Sunday February 27 to Thursday March 10 and if it is convenient, kindly confirm directly to him.

Madras
25th October 1976

Mr. Randy Walker
California, USA

My dear brother,

Master has sent me your letter dated 11th September 1976 for attention and necessary action.

One whose eyes are opened to the truth of Reality is indeed a person into whom grace has descended. All of us who follow the beloved Master in his practical pursuit of Reality are seekers of this grace through His love for us.

In this Mission, there is no attempt to proselytize people. This is the main thing. We do not interfere with the religious affiliations of our abhyasis. All that Master offers is a **practical** method of approach to the Ultimate Reality which every human being can adopt to achieve this goal. Master's approach is based on the truth that any human being, irrespective of religious, social or other affiliations can yet follow a totally non-sectarian approach to achieve this goal.

It is true that there is truth in all ways, but the level of truth perhaps differs from approach to approach. We must look at the entire human population as belonging to one family and there we are but helping our brothers and sisters to see and find what we, who are already His, are seeking and will surely find.

I pray Master to help you in reaching a truly spiritual decision.

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master - In acknowledgment of your letter No. 14/G.S.C. dated 3/4th October 1976.

TELEGRAM **25th October 1976**
To: SAHAJMARG Shahjahanpur

HAVE LOCATED EXCELLENT PLOT MEASURING APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN THOUSAND SQUARE FEET VERY NEAR MY HOUSE AND OFFICE ACCESSIBLE EASILY FROM ALL POINTS OF CITY STOP LAND COST ESTIMATED RUPEES ONE LAKH AND THIRTY THOUSAND REGISTRATION CHARGES SIXTEEN THOUSAND SO TOTAL COST WILL BE APPROXIMATELY RUPEES ONE LAKH AND FIFTY THOUSAND STOP KINDLY TELEGRAPH YOUR FORMAL APPROVAL AS PRESIDENT AUTHORISING ME TO

PROCEED WITH THIS PURCHASE FOR MISSION ASHRAM AT MADRAS WITH YOUR BLESSINGS AFFECTIONATELY

PARTHASARATHI

No. 152

Shahjahanpur
27th October 1976

My Dear Parthasarathi,

Received your telegram regarding the proposal for the purchase of a plot of land for Mission Ashram at Madras. I confirm having sent you the following telegraphic reply on 26th October 1976.

"P. Rajagopalachari is authorized to proceed with the purchase of the site for the Mission Ashram at Madras."

I hope you will have the matter of ownership, title deeds and other requisite documents, examined by a lawyer.

I am enclosing herewith the necessary authorization letter under Article 4(g) of the Constitution and Bye-laws.

With Blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
3rd November 1976

Revered Master,

Re: Madras Ashram Construction

I am in receipt of your letter No. 152 of the 27th October, along with your authorisation of the same date authorising me to proceed with the purchase of the land for Mission's ashram. We are going ahead with the proposal and I shall keep you informed of the progress. The plot is approximately 13,000 sq. ft. and the purchase price is about Rs. 1,35,000/- over and above which we have to incur a registration charge of thirteen percent which will be about Rs. 17,000/- so that the total will be a little over Rs. one and a half lakhs.

We are entering into an agreement with the seller which is a Public Limited Company and at this stage it will only be an agreement for the purchase of the land by the Mission, subject to various conditions including clearance by the Urban Ceiling authorities for this transfer. I anticipate that this clearance by the Urban Ceiling authorities will take sixty days, so that the actual purchase documents will be executed only in January 1977. At that stage we may require a more detailed authorisation from you which, if necessary, I shall have our lawyer draft for your signature.

I am glad that your health continues to improve and hope that you will continue to maintain this improvement.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 409 **Shahjahanpur**
16th November 1976

Dear Parthasarathi,

I am enclosing copies of (1) Shri Chary's letter and (2) my reply, for your perusal. He wants to exercise all the sections of Indian Penal Code at the same time on one person. It has now set me thinking that we should exercise greater caution in making trainers. The books on training methods are to be given only after ensuring that the recipient has the requisite understanding to make purposeful use of the guidelines.

The work of the office is going on well.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Rudrampur
10 November 1976

Paramapujya Beloved Babuji Maharaj,

Pranams to your lotus feet. Emboldened by the indulgence you have given me I am writing a few of my non-understandings from training methods Part I.

Page 2 Para 4 in Hints for a Trainer:
How is this done? During the period when the astral body is at work what am I supposed to be doing?

Para 5:
How to know the condition of the abhyasi and how much he deserves and what is his capacity?

Page 3 Para 7:
Is the knowledge of the other worlds necessary? If not, how to do this? How to visualise the souls to whom transmission is to be effected?

Para 9:
How and which are the points to be selected by a trainer in an abhyasi from which transmission is to be started?

Page 4 Para 1:
How to develop proper understanding of the preciseness of sub-points and amount of force to be applied? What is the method of increasing or decreasing the amount of force to be applied?

Page 6 Para 7:
Which is the point of whirl? The meeting point of *maya* and *purusha*, and how to experience the condition at this point so that the same could be transmitted to an abhyasi?

Page 8 Paras 1 and 2:
Methods of reading condition.
How to study condition and how to magnify? What are the things to be observed and how are they manifested in the condition under study?

Page 10 Para 2:
The state prevailing at a certain point of chakra of an abhyasi........ How to experience the state and study?

Page 11 Para 4:
Not understood. How to gauge the inner urge for work in this direction?

Revered Master,

The above are some of the points where experience and understanding is lacking in me. Please enlighten me.

It has taken me four years to understand meditation and cleaning and even now I am not sure I have understood it thoroughly well. I do not want the same to happen to me in the understanding of the *Methods of Training*, so that the service I render to our abhyasis should not fall short of the mark.

If wishes are granted by Him, I sincerely wish to give the rest of my life and health to you, that you may be amongst the abhyasis for their benefit.

Ever aspiring to be in your service, always Master.

Yours affectionately,
C.S. Chary

Shahjahanpur
November, 1976

Shri C.S. Chary, S.M.E.
S.C.C.O.,
P.O. Rudrampur 507119
Andra Pradesh

Dear Chary,

I have gone through your letter of the 10th instant. You state it has taken four years for you to understand meditation and cleaning. At the same time you say you are not sure of it. Anyway, you are continuing the practice and that means that you are feeling some change in you.

You will have to develop wisdom and *anubhava* yourself by devotion and correct practice. The benefits follow automatically.

The knowledge I have gained by experience, should go into the heart of the abhyasi. The meditation process is such that all the necessary things are revealed step by step. There cannot be any doubt in the hints given in the *Methods of Training* booklet. They are guidelines to show how to proceed. You don't try for those that are not intelligible to you. There are preceptors having the power but still not sure of their ability to use it. You may wait and see.

With blessings,

Your sincerely,
Ram Chandra

9th November 1976

Shri Devram Chavda
Navsari (Gujarat)

Respected brother,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 4th November under ref. 784 concerning Sister Kasturi's programme to Ahmedabad, Baroda, Navsari, etc., accompanied by Sister Kesar. It is noted that a total cost of Rs. 1200/- will be incurred by the respective centres of the Mission. Approval is granted to this tour.

With regards,

Yours,
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur

23rd November 1976

Mr. K.V. Reddy
Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

Dear brother Reddy,

I am delighted to know from Rev. Master that he has proposed to visit Malaysia next year on your invitation. As desired by him I will be accompanying him throughout his visit. Kindly bear in mind the following points before this visit is finalised:

1. Please print the Mission letter paper on the basis of the one on which this letter is typed. On the left, under the President, your name may appear as Prefect-in-charge of Malaysia. On the right will be your own address.

2. As we will be requiring Reserve Bank of India's approval for this visit, our application to the Reserve Bank of India will have to be supported by a letter of invitation as per draft attached. Please let me have this letter some time in January. If you envisage any places other than Kuala Lumpur, please include those places also in your letter of invitation (in triplicate please).
3. As the Government of India will not provide any foreign exchange for Master's travel under their scheme your comprehensive letter of invitation should state that all expenses will be met by you, since Master and his companion will be your guests for the duration of their stay in Malaysia.
4. Tickets cannot be sent from outside India under present regulations. I would therefore request you to allow me to handle all arrangements through our local travel agents, Messrs. Mercury Travels (India) Ltd., who will also help us in obtaining Reserve Bank's "P" Form. Under this arrangement the money for our two tickets will have to be remitted by you direct to M/s. Mercury Travels (India) Ltd., after they have intimated the fare, on receipt of which the tickets will be issued to us in India.
5. Please let me know what is the best time of the year to travel to Malaysia so that we can travel with ordinary Indian cotton clothes with the minimum of woolen clothing for the travel.

On receipt of your letter I will proceed in this matter.

With best wishes,

Yours,
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur

(DRAFT)

H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Shahjahanpur (U.P.)

Dear Master,

On behalf of all the members of the Shri Ram Chandra Mission in Malaysia, I have pleasure in inviting you to visit us here in Malaysia during any period convenient to you between April and July 1977. It is of course understood that you and your companion, Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary of the Mission, will be my guests during the duration of your stay here and that I take full responsibility for all the arrangements for your stay and travel in this country.

Return tickets for the air journey Calcutta-Kuala Lumpur-Calcutta or Madras-Kuala Lumpur-Madras as convenient to you as well as all other expenses of any nature during your stay here will be covered by us.

We are extending this invitation to your General Secretary, Shri P. Rajagopalachari, also on the same basis, as I know his presence will be absolutely essential to look after you personally to ensure your comfort during your stay here.

Your visit to Malaysia will be of vital importance for the spiritual progress of the followers of the Sahaj Marg system of Raja Yoga. All the abhyasis and I therefore seek your early confirmation to enable me to make arrangements for the visit of both of you immediately.

With pranams,

Yours,

Madras
23rd November 1976

Dr. Med. Hanns Gangloff
Munich, W. Germany

Dear Hanns,

Your letter of the 7th November received here on, I think, the 12th. Since I have been ill and out of circulation I was not able to write to you earlier. Regarding the proposed visits of Dr. Heinrich Weihrauch and Miss Antje Graune, I think it is too late to get confirmation from Master now, but I would advise them to proceed on any Sundays suitable to them and I am requesting Master by a copy of this letter to receive them when they come.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur - Antje Graune is the girl who was sick in Munich and whom you visited in hospital. I have permitted both these people to leave any day suitable to them and they will stay for ten days. I am sorry there has not been any time to get your approval to this earlier, but I hope there will be no difficulty. If it is necessary, the cots may be removed from the bedroom in the guest house and the floor filled with grass and carpets so that each room can accomodate 6 persons. I think our overseas abhyasis would rather put up with a little discomfort than face the possibility of not being able to visit you. Please consider this and if you agree, this may be done.

No. BNK/PUB/438 **Shahjahanpur**
25th November 1976

The Manager
Allahabad Bank
City Office
Shahjahanpur

Dear Sir,

Subject: Mail Transfer

I would request you to kindly arrange to remit by Mail Transfer a sum of Rs. 10,470/- (Rupees ten thousand four hundred seventy only) to the credit of the account of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Madras duly debiting our general fund account No. 468/3 today itself.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
Ram Chandra
President

Copy to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras centre. The above remittance is made in full settlement of all the pending bills. Please confirm.

Ram Chandra

On 18th November 1976 we have collected Rs. 280/- towards Life Membership of Sahaj Marg Magazine for 1977 from Mr. A. Rombout, Ysselstraat 35A, Groningen, Holland and credit the amount to foreign contributions account here. Please advise membership number.

A.H. Krishna

No. 589

Shahjahanpur
20th December 1976

My dear William Waycott,

Received your affectionate letter of 7th December 1976. I am happy that you have accepted my request and have agreed to do the work of the Mission there.

I have also noted your difficulty as written by you, in not being in a position to start this work immediately due to your term at the University up to June 1977. At the same time I feel that you should care most for your studies and appearing in the examination for obtaining your degree in M.Sc. (Agriculture), which will no doubt keep you awfully busy till June 1977. I also approve of your plan of touring the Canadian and American centres and after that of coming over to India. Your arrival here would be welcome.

It is after consideration of the above situation in which you have been placed and that also rightly that I would like you not to be burdened with this additional responsibility of the Office of Director-Treasurer of the Mission in the USA, for the present. I am, therefore, asking Mrs. Grace Kimball to still continue with this job as is being done by her at present. If any other exigency later on arises, we shall consider the position later as per circumstances.

I hope you would agree to this arrangement.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra
President

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. Mrs. Grace Kimball, Lakewood, Ohio, USA.
2. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras, along with a copy of letter of Mr. Waycott.

Ram Chandra
President

No. 590 **Shahjahanpur**
20th December 1976

Dear Sister,

Received your letter dated 28th November 1976. I am happy that you have finally decided not to resign from the post of Director-Treasurer of the Mission in the USA and to continue with this work for good. With regard to your replacement, really speaking I have found none. It was on your own suggestion that I requested Mr. William Waycott to work as Director-Treasurer in your place with effect from 1st February 1977. Now when you are kindly agreeable to be on this job, I have written to Mr. Waycott on the subject. I am sending a copy of this letter along with a copy of my reply thereof to him for your information and necessary action. You may please continue working as before.

About cosmic work, I shall write to you later.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra
President

Copy forwarded to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras, along with a copy of letter of Mrs. Grace Kimball for information and necessary action.

Ram Chandra
President

Camp Madurai
27th December 1976

My Beloved Master,

You must have received my father's telegram from Madras informing you of the sudden death by heart attack on 25th December 1976 of Mrs. Inna Gangloff at Freiburg in Germany. We are informed that both Dr. Gangloff and his wife had heart attacks and while she is dead, Dr. Gangloff is in hospital in a serious condition. Further information on his condition is awaited. This has come as a great shock to me. I pray that Dr. Gangloff may recover normal health, and that his wife's death does not have any adverse effect on him.

Beloved Master, for the past six months I am finding my faith in the system is being shaken by various events and my faith is now at such a low ebb that I am facing a crisis of faith. I think this is the result of the activities of the rational mind. My recent visit to you, instead of strengthening me has served to further weaken my faith. I was confused by the fact that I could do nothing towards organising the Basant Panchami celebrations and had to come back achieving nothing.

Anyway, this is perhaps an uprising of deeper layers of grossness—I can't attribute any other reason for this development. I pray for your help and guidance in this predicament. You alone can help me, and clear my confusion and restore my faith. I pray that you may attend to this and restore some semblance of balance to my existence. I am facing problems in all facets of my existence and look to you for relief and restoration of my mental equilibrium.

We are in Madurai, and will be back in Madras on 2nd January 1977. I hope to receive a reply from you on my return to Madras. My love for you continues to grow undiminished.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 708

Shahjahanpur
30th December 1976

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received the copy of your letter sent to Mrs. Grace Kimball dated 18th December 1976. I have already written to Grace Kimball to continue on the job. I have also written to Mr. William Waycott on the subject. Copies of these letters along with the copies of the letters received from them in this connection were sent to you on 21st December 1976. You have also to prepare the Annual Report of the Mission, so please come a few days earlier.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

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No. 735 **Shahjahanpur**
3rd January 1977

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter. Dr. Gangloff has sent to me a telegram intimating about the death of Inna in a car accident. His telegram reads

"Car accident. Inna dead. Desperate."

"Hanns"

I was really shocked with this news and I prayed for the soul of Inna and that Dr. Gangloff's sorrow for the death of his wife may be removed. Still I am doing what I can do. I think you must have also prayed.

You have written about your confusion and I was a little upset and troubled going through this part of your letter. You have also written to me in your letter that you could do nothing towards organising the Basant Panchami Utsava and had to go back achieving nothing. You have not mentioned the facts or events which are the cause of your confusion and loss of faith. Sometimes very small things constitute some bigger things, specially when a man's calibre goes higher and the things contemplated enter into it, it becomes force. I have told you this thing very often. I was visualising layer of grossness, no doubt and when I saw you here, I found the same thing, a sort of covering over the chest at a small distance. I feel it is growing mild.

You have also written to me in your letter that in the past six months your faith in the system is being shaken by the various events. I want to know what are the circumstances and what is wrong in me and the system so that I may come to some finding to remove these things, if they are really so.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
4th January 1977

Revered Master,

I am in receipt of your letter No. 708 of 30th December and confirm having received copies of your correspondence with Mrs. Grace Kimball and Mr. William Waycott.

I have made a draft of the Annual Report of the Mission's activity during 1976 which I attach herewith for your perusal and approval. If any changes are to be made this can be done after I arrive there. I have not yet finalised my plans but I will let you know as soon as I am able to fix my exact date of departure.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Enclosed: as above

Annual Report 1976

On behalf of the working committee of this august Mission I am privileged to present to you the annual report of the Mission covering the year 1976. It is the most auspicious and holy occasion on which we are assembled here to celebrate the 104th birth anniversary of our *Adi Guru*, our Grand Master Samarth Guru Mahatma Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj of Fatehgarh. It has been our good fortune that our Revered Master's health has been generally much better than in the previous year and in fact it has been possible for him, as you all know, to undertake a second spiritual tour of Europe. This has been the highlight of the Mission's activities during 1976. On his tour he was accompanied by me and the total stay outside India of approximately seven weeks brought a great deal of delight to the loving hearts of the abhyasis in Europe and also brought to their very door-step the everflowing fountain of spirituality that our Master represents to us all. On this tour the countries covered were Denmark, West Germany, Switzerland, France and Italy. Abhyasis from UK, Holland and Sweden also participated in the spiritual activities at various convenient points.

You will be pleased to hear that Mission activity in Germany is now well established under the capable and devoted guidance of Dr. (med) Hanns Gangloff who has been appointed the preceptor-in-charge of that country. During Master's tour, twenty-four new preceptors were appointed in Europe. Master was very pleased with the great response to the Mission's activity particularly in Denmark and to the growing response to spiritual awareness in Switzerland.

In France the Mission has been organised on a very solid foundation of very hard and devoted work put in by our dear brother, Mr. Andre Poray, assisted by a very energetic young abhyasi, Jean-Michel Piquemal who has been granted provisional permission by Master and also appointed Secretary of the Mission in France.

In Italy too there was a great deal of work done by the preceptors and a new centre of the Mission has been established at Latina about fifty miles south of Rome. The centres at

Rome and Naples continue to grow under the able guidance of the preceptors-in-charge.

A very significant and important development arising out of Master's tour to Europe, was the formation of a European council of the Shri Ram Chandra Mission with its headquarters at Switzerland. The first meeting of the council was held at the Hotel Du Mont Blanc at a small city called Morges and representatives from all the European centres of the Mission were present. Additionally, preceptors from Canada, UK, and the USA were also present by invitation. Our beloved Master personally presided over the meeting and blessed it with his bountiful benedictions voicing the hope that similar national and international councils will be formed for USA and Canada in the near future. With the growth of the Mission, the day is not far off when a world council of the Shri Ram Chandra Mission may also be formed. Dr. Hanns Gangloff of Germany will be co-ordinating the working of the European Council which is expected to hold, initially, annual meetings to coordinate Mission activity in Europe.

In India the Mission continues to grow day to day and there is a great need for meditation halls at some of the bigger centres. You will be pleased to hear that an ashram of the Mission is under construction at Bangalore and the first stage was formally inaugurated on 12th September. The inaugural function was presided over by Shri S.A. Sarnad and the occasion was further highlighted by the presence of our respected brother Shri Raghavendra Rao of Raichur. Over two hundred abhyasis participated in this function. Mission activity in Andhra and Karnataka continues to grow rapidly and several new preceptors have been granted provisional permission in Andhra Pradesh.

The Mission's literature continues to grow and the additional books published this year are:

1. *Sahaj Marg in Europe*—by the General Secretary of the Mission covering Master's second European tour.

2. A new edition of the Telugu translation of *Reality at Dawn* entitled *Satyodhayamu.*
3. A Telugu translation of Master's *Commentary on Ten Maxims of Sahaj Marg* published just a month ago.
4. A new edition of Master's *Reality at Dawn* was also brought out to meet the ever-growing demand for this publication which our abhyasis venerate as the source book of Sahaj Marg literature.

Apart from this, considerable work is in progress and I understand Pujya Raghavendra Raoji's book, *A Panoramic View of Sahaj Marg* in Kannada translation, is under print. It is hoped that centres of the Mission will concentrate particularly on regional language translation and publication so that Master's great teachings may be brought to the people of each state and made available to all without barriers of language standing in their way.

It is regrettable that I have once again to appeal to the preceptors-in-charge of Mission centres to tone up the accounting of their respective centres and follow the directives given from time to time by headquarters in this matter. There are still a few centres which do not submit accounts in time and this is causing a great deal of inconvenience in finalising Mission's accounts.

A second appeal which continues to be ignored is that associates should not visit Master's place at Shahjahanpur between the 10th and 20th of each month. While it is true that Master is enjoying considerably better health than in the last two years, yet his need for rest is very great and abhyasis should realise this and strictly follow this directive. I appeal to you all to cooperate in this matter.

P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

Madras
7th January 1977

My Beloved Master,

I am grateful to you for your letter No. 735 of 3rd January 1977. I feel a little foolish for writing to you about my doubts and loss of faith, because after I wrote to you I felt lighter than I had felt for some time. I was hesitating to write to you for fear of giving offence and involving your anger, but I decided that fear has no place in the relationship between an abhyasi and his Master—and so wrote to you.

I would like to assure you that "inside" me I find only calmness and tranquillity—and this loss of faith is in the superficial level of existence only. Even then I thought I must refer it to you for clarification and to clear up the complexities if any. Referring to the case of Mr. R. Seshadri, someone asked me if I could also leave the Mission like him. I answered that you are there everywhere in the universe, and wherever you are, the Mission is there too. So how can I leave you or the Mission? Such is my devotion and love for you. But I must confess some things have upset me—and as you have asked me to state what these are, I do so in obedience to your letter.

1. When we were in the plane, coming back to Denmark, you spoke to me six or seven times about Shri Dhond Rao, his work, his indiscipline and so on, wondering how to correct him. When we landed at Delhi we were informed that Shri Dhond Rao had died fifteen days earlier. I was puzzled how you did not know of it, and spoke to me all the time as if he was alive still.

2. The death of Mrs. Inna Gangloff—particularly in such a tragic and violent way has also shocked me. She was so young and full of life—and to die in a car accident—I could not reconcile this with your statements of protection of abhyasis. I have heard from Sister Kasturi that from Shahjahanpur you saved the life of a person who was drowning in a river in

Assam. I believe that you 'see' the past, present and future. If that be so there must be some reason for this tragedy—and so on. That is my second confusion. Perhaps I am tradition bound in thinking of *akal mrutyu* and *dur maran* as bad ways to die.

3. The interference of Chi. Prakash is preventing you from taking certain necessary steps in Mission organisation—notably in the appointment of a Joint Secretary. Please forgive me for making this statement but I cannot be untrue to you. You yourself recommended to me Shri R.C. Saxena last year but now you have turned against him. Last month when I was there I asked your permission to entrust Ramjibhai with the Utsav responsibility. You answered, "This year I will not give him this work. What is there in Utsav? It is only a matter of wheat and potatoes. I will manage it."

I told you that Chi. Prakash had taken away the Utsav file of last year and it was not available for reference. You kept silence. I referred to you about the Utsav arrangements three times but you remained silent, and so I had to return disappointed.

4. Confidentially I may inform you that Shri Gunde Rao is already feeling worried, particularly during your absence from Shahjahanpur.

However, I repeat my love and spiritual devotion and allegiance are in no way diminished for you. I am mainly concerned about the welfare of the Mission. Even in the case of Mrs. Inna, my worry was mainly about the repercussion it may have on Dr. Gangloff, and consequently on the Mission. They married after facing great problems—and even in Denmark Dr. Gangloff assured me that powerful evil forces were working in Germany which had shaken them in the past. The German Mission has just been re-established after its collapse under Mr. Robert Koch!

Beloved Master, these are my worries and problems. I am being frank with you. You are my Master not for today or tomorrow, but for eternity. I love you as I have loved no one—not humans, not Gods. People have warned me about frankness, but if I cannot be frank with you then my world will collapse in utter darkness. As desired by you I have elaborated my problems. These are problems of the intellect and superficial mind, and I am sure that by your grace all will be removed. I pray for your forgiveness if I have written anything wrong.

With love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
8th January 1977

Revered Master,

I am happy to inform you that I shall be arriving at Shahjahanpur by the Varanasi Express on Wednesday the 19th January. Don and Jackie Sabourin as also Mr. Narayanaswamy and our preceptor sister Ranganayaki of Tirupati will also be travelling by the same train.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 954 **Shahjahanpur**
1st February 1977

To:
The Manager
Allahabad Bank
City Office
Shahjahanpur

Dear sir,

Subject: **Mail Transfer**

I would request you to kindly arrange to remit by Mail Transfer a sum of Rs. 15,775/- (Rs. Fifteen thousand seven hundred seventy-five only) to the credit of the account of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Madras duly debiting our General Fund account No. 379/IIIN today itself.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,
Ram Chandra
President

Copy to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras centre. The above remittance is made in full settlement of all the pending bills. Please confirm.

Madras
Sunday 13th February 1977

Beloved Master,

This morning at just before noon, I received a telephone call from an abhyasi brother of Rajapalayam to say that our preceptor-in-charge of Rajapalayam centre, Shri R.A. Meenakshisundaram, had passed away at 11:15 A.M. this morning after a brief illness. It appears he was taken ill yesterday, admitted into hospital, and the end came suddenly this morning.

He was an enthusiastic, energetic and devoted worker of the Mission and I pray that your benevolent grace may guide the departed soul onwards to its Goal.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 1011

Shahjahanpur
17th February 1977

My dear Parthasarathi,

Since the death of Inna, Mr. Hanns seems to be upset and he often becomes desperate. I have already written to him by way of consoling. I am enclosing his two letters (copies) and my reply. You may pray so that he may get peace.

I received Mr. Sundara's letter this morning. I will stay with him on my way to Madras. I shall write again regarding my arrival at Delhi.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Copy of the letter dated January 31, 1977 from Dr. (med) Hanns Gangloff to the beloved Master.

Please HELP. Due to recent events and to Inna's death my old depressions have been started again and with almost incredible force. Have been taking tranquillising medicine for days now but nothing helps. The idea of suicide is continuously there. Am still fighting but last drops of energy are getting less and less. YOUR work in Germany is in danger, my Master, if I go—and the Mission in Munich is growing bigger and bigger almost every day. They all need YOU and they need me.

Please HELP, my Master. You alone can do it. You alone can give me back to life.

Copy of letter dated February 9, 1977 from Dr. (med) Hanns Gangloff to beloved Master.

What is happening to me? Your kind letter of February 4, with all these wonderful news about Inna's spiritual progress and with the obvious proof that YOUR guidance will go on to be with my beloved Inna should make me jump for joy and happiness. However, I am like a split personality right now. The good news makes me happy and grateful on one side, but, on the other side, these deep and terrifying old depressions I told you about in my last letter, are going on and on, wrapping my whole life and everything connected with it in a black veil of hopelessness. Apart from that little spark of will to live for the Divine and to reach the Divine, to follow Inna on the path to God, nothing is left from what I used to be normally, even meditation is impossible at the moment.

These depressions are like vampires sucking the last drop of energy, of hope, of will out of my heart. My medical office has now been closed for two weeks, because I cannot face the problems and the sickness of my patients, and it will remain closed for another four weeks—an enormous financial loss—until I am back from my visit to you. And all the tranquillising medicine I am taking is almost useless this time. What happens to me, my Master? I will make the journey to India in three weeks with the last drop of energy remaining until then and I will be with YOU, MY MASTER, the 1st of March, as arranged. YOU ARE MY LAST HOPE.

Forgive me, Master, I am desperate and ashamed of myself because so many people here need my help and I am such an unworthy creature. I pray for HELP. May your divine grace give me just enough strength to reach Shahjahanpur and to be with YOU.

Shahjahanpur
17th February 1977

Dr. Gangloff
W. Germany

My dearest brother,

I was away when your letters were received and hence the delay in replying. When I went through them, a thought arose that myself and you die together after completing one hundred years in the span of life. I believe you will appreciate the idea. Where is the appreciation when we begin to be in contact with the Soul which is all in all? Do you like this condition? My promise for sister Inna, you have read, is also for you, but after one hundred years. How to reveal that myself? Of course, I think you will know in due course. I have got such a broad heart given by Master that I want to cover all humanity. You are one of the helpers. The helping hand of my Master, is at our back. I am sure I will be successful in my attempt. Inna is no more yours, she is mine. You have loved her physical being and I loved her spiritual being. My love continues. If I compare my love and yours, mine is better and everlasting.

Man's life is very important and should be preserved. We should not destroy the world made by Almighty. Then it becomes necessary for us to work in the level of Divinity for which long life is necessary. Live long to fulfil the hopes of the Mission. Make the whole world the sharers of His Grace. It is possible, not very difficult. If I have this power, you will also get your share. If sufferings are there, nectar is also there. Real man is he who cares for all. I live for the sake of others and you also should follow me. Please forget me not.

What is to be forgotten, must be forgotten if there is no use thinking over. God is God in His own Empire. Saint is Saint when he cuts off all the boundaries of superficialities.

I want to see you at a very high level so that you may be able to have just a glimpse for which kings of India had given up the throne.

I am eagerly awaiting your arrival on 1st of March 1977.

With blessings,

Yours
Ram Chandra

TELEGRAM **2nd March 1977**

To: P. Rajagopalachari

GANGLOFF ARRIVED HEALTH REDUCED DEPRESSION CONTINUES PRAY

RAM CHANDRA

Madras
3rd March 1977

Beloved Master,

I received your letter re: Dr. Gangloff and I sent a reply from Bangalore dated 26th February through Shri S.R. Srinivasan, our abhyasi in Denmark. Just now I received your telegram despatched from Shahjahanpur yesterday evening. I am sorry and perturbed to hear that Dr. Gangloff's health is poor and that his depression continues. As instructed, I am constantly praying for his complete restoration to physical and mental health. My father had planned to go to Delhi to meet him on 10th March but has today cancelled his ticket as my *Chachaji's* condition is not improving. In fact today there is a set back in his health. He has been in hospital for more than twenty days. I am constantly praying for his return to health and welfare. I pray that my great and benevolent Master may answer these prayers of mine.

Others are all well by your Grace and Love.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

TELEGRAM **3rd March 1977**

To: P. Rajagopalachari

REFERENCE TELEGRAM GANGLOFF IMPROVING

RAM CHANDRA

Madras
7th March 1977

Beloved Master,

Since there are large numbers of abhyasis at both Kakinada and Amalapuram, it was felt desirable to appoint Prefects at both these places. Our abhyasi brothers Dr. Ramakrishna Rao and Shri S. Gopala Rao were requested to come over to Madras for three days.

This morning, on your behalf, provisional permission was granted to both of them. Provisional permission certificates may please be sent to them to their addresses (or you may bring them when you come to Madras).

1. Dr. A. Ramakrishna Rao, M.B.B.S., D.O.
   Shyamala Nursing home
   "K" Agraharam
   Amalapuram (A.P.) 533201
2. Shri S. Gopala Rao
   Puramvara Street
   Jagannaickpur
   Kakinada (A.P.) 533002

Date of provisional permission 7th March 1977.

My *Chachaji* has been in hospital for over forty days so far. Two days back he had a relapse, and his condition is not quite so good. Bone marrow tests show that no blood corpuscles are formed. So he has to have continuous transfusions of blood to be kept alive. I pray for your grace on him. May he be granted a few more years of life.

I got your second telegram to say that Dr. Gangloff is improving. By your love and grace he will be absolutely normal before he leaves for Germany. I am doing as instructed by you.

I am just leaving for Madurai on official work. Madurai centre is to celebrate your birthday on 30th April 1977 and also on 1st May 1977 in a fitting manner. A Souvenir will be issued on this occasion. Abhyasis from all over South are expected to participate. I have told them that you will be present at Madurai to grace the occasion. Since we will be back from Malaysia on 23rd April, you have six days for rest at Madras before going to Madurai on 29th April by train.

Love to you.

Affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
16th May 1977

Irene Piganatelli
Napoli, Italy

Dear Irene,

Thank you for your affectionate letter of the 26th April. Master had a very nice, comfortable and successful tour of Malaysia which he freely enjoyed and on his return to Madras he had to go to Madurai for the 78th birthday celebrations. This too was a grand success with over a thousand abhyasis from all over South India participating. After this he went to Trivandrum under an invitation from the ex-Maharaja of Travancore and that too went off very well. All in all Master's stay out of Shahjahanpur, nearly for two months, has been very comfortable and usefully spent and his health point absolutely trouble-free. He has returned to Shahjahanpur from Madras on the 6th May.

Regarding the Council Meeting, Master has to first decide whether I should attend it or not. If he decides that I should go, then of course, I will be too happy to come to Italy for two days—three days maximum—because I have to complete the whole trip in ten days' time. Dr. Hanns Gangloff will be in charge of arrangements and I do not know how far it will be possible for him to include a visit to Italy because I expect he will be arranging for a cheap ticket by United Arab Airlines flying Delhi, Damascus, Munich and back. Please therefore keep in touch with Hanns for any possibility.

With love from all of us,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Dr. Hanns Gangloff, West Germany
cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur

Madras
26th May 1977

Beloved Master,

I hope your journey home was comfortable and that you are in normal health after your exertions of the last six weeks.

Yesterday I have sent two tins of Proteinex by Registered Post parcel and hope you have received them. If you want more please let me know.

As directed by you, I have granted provisional permission to three abhyasis of Vijayawada as noted below. Kindly issue the provisional permission certificates. They may all be sent in one cover to Dr. V. Parthasarathi to be handed over to them by him.

	Date of provisional permission
1. Shri V.P.D. Nageswararao	22nd May 1977
2. Shri K.C. Baburao	23rd May 1977
3. Mrs. K. Lakshmi Narasamma	23rd May 1977

The new book on your Malaysian tour is written and is being typed. It will be ready to go to the press next week. For title I suggest "With Master in Malaysia". If you approve please let me know. If not please suggest alternate titles.

All are well here by your Grace.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Camp Madurai
13th June 1977

Revered Master,

Today Sister Lakshmi, the Hindi-speaking abhyasi of Madurai, came to meet me. You will remember that she wanted to come to Shahjahanpur, offering her personal services there. Shri Sankaranarayanan of Madras conveyed to me your directions that she should be prepared for physical work like cooking, washing vessels etc. I told her all this. It seems she has already written you a letter. Notwithstanding whatever she has written, I think she is not quite sure of herself yet. She would like to wait till next Basant Panchami, see how the facilities at the ashram (cooks, servants, etc.) develop, and then decide in the matter of going to reside there permanently.

It is therefore better to assume that she will not be able to decide either way for another year, and proceed on that basis.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
25th June 1977

Mr. Andre Poray
Sanary, France

My dear Andre,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th June. We are all happy to know that Sister Kasturi's visit to France was a smashing success and I hope by Master's grace all the abhyasis will benefit enormously by her visit.

Regarding the Preceptors' meeting in September, I am unable to say anything since Dr. Gangloff has to organise the whole matter. I am still not certain whether I will be able to attend this meeting because this is a decision which Master must take.

Perhaps it would be wiser to postpone this to next year since Master has been mentioning while we were in Malaysia that he will definitely make one more visit to Europe, probably in 1978.

Anyway I am sending a copy of this letter to both Master and Dr. Gangloff so that between the two of them they can decide.

Our best wishes to Blanche Martini and your son-in-law Michael.

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Dr. Hanns Gangloff
cc. Revered Master - Please take a decision and write to Dr. Gangloff immediately about the proposed meeting in September. If you are visiting Europe in 1978, I think this meeting should be postponed so that it can be held in your presence. Please let me know your decision as early as possible.

Confidential

5th July 1977

Revered Master,

I have just received a letter from brother K.V. Reddy of Kuala Lumpur which raises two points.

1. Your proposed visit to Nepal in December. According to brother Reddy, this may not be possible due to Sow. Ninni's wedding which is likely at that time according to him. Also it appears you had expressed doubts about your being physically fit to undertake this visit. Please let me know whether Nepal trip will be undertaken this year or not as Reddy requires at least two clear months notice for making preparations in Nepal.

2. Reddy has put up a proposal to invite sister Kasturi to Malaysia this October. I have replied as per copy enclosed suggesting that it should be deferred to 1978 or beyond that.

I have already spoken to you about the advisability or otherwise of centres or abhyasis inviting specific preceptors. In my opinion, any invitation should only be addressed to you as head of the organisation and it should be for you to decide whether you will undertake the trip yourself or depute somebody to do so on your behalf. I state this because as I discussed this with you in Malaysia, this involves problems of discipline, problems of local favourites and apart from both these considerations, the problems of expenses. I do not know how much the French abhyasis contributed for Sister Kasturi's visit to France. But a report from Jens Clausen from Denmark says that for Sister Kasturi's travel from France to Denmark and back they had collected a sum equivalent to Rs. 12,000/- and the whole amount was spent. Funds from the Danish Mission were not spent for this purpose but collections were taken up from the abhyasis.

I further feel that this is not the proper way of doing things because when abhyasis contribute it should form part of Mission's funds from which expenses should be undertaken so that both receipts and expenses are reflected in the Mission's accounts. I have raised this point with you even regarding visits by preceptors in India itself many years back and it is definitely worthwhile that this procedure should be followed in all cases.

It is also my feeling that as far as possible overseas countries should be visited by you, health permitting. If not, then it is for you to decide who should visit when, and which country. There are always problems of language etc., and one preceptor may be quite useful in one area but not as useful in another area and we have to bear all these things in mind when permitting preceptors to visit overseas. I have elaborated some of these aspects to brother Reddy which is attached and I now await your overall views on this subject.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
12th July 1977

Beloved Master,

1. I have yesterday received copy of your letter dated 10th July 1977 addressed to Dr. Hanns Gangloff and noted contents. He wrote to me that September may not be convenient for all the European Council members for a meeting, and so I have written suggesting that the meeting be postponed to April 1978—particularly as you expressed a wish to go to Europe again in 1978—in which case the meeting can be held in your presence. As I told you in Malaysia, I do not wish to go alone anywhere but would only like to accompany you as a devoted servant.
2. This morning provisional permission has been granted to the following two persons.
    1. Shri Mylapuram Venkatasubbaiah
       c/o Sri Sathyanarayanan Cloth Stores
       Main Bazaar
       Yerraguntala
       Andhra Pradesh 516309

    2. Shri Vundela Venkatasubba Reddy
       Doresanipalli P.O.
       Proddatur Taluk
       Cuddapah District (A.P.)

The certificates may please be despatched to them direct to the above addresses with copy for my files as usual.

My father had recently toured the places of Andhra and centres have been opened at Yerraguntala where there were fifty abhyasis, and at Doresanipalli where there are about thirty abhyasis.

We are sorry to hear that your weakness and giddiness still persist. Please take care of your health.

I hope to come to you in the middle of August.

Pranams,

Affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
13th July 1977

Revered Master,

I have received a letter from our auditor brother Shri Kishore dated July 10th a copy of which must be with you. I am attaching a detailed reply which I will be grateful if you will read completely in detail and come to your conclusions about the proposed re-organisation of the accounting system to be pursued by the Mission in future. While the need for change is there, I think we should not rush through procedural changes without fully studying future implications and without evolving a system which is really simple and can be followed correctly and efficiently.

I am sorry to hear that Shri Gunde Rao has resigned from the post of Superintendent, Publications Department of the Mission. I would like to hear from you what you are proposing for replacement. Will he at least be coming and staying at

Shahjahanpur or does his resignation mean his shifting to Gulbarga?

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

13th July 1977

Shri S.C. Kishore,
No. 3-A, Kamla Nagar,
Delhi - 110 007

My dear brother Kishore,

Re: Accounts - Guidelines & Instructions

I am thankful to you for your letter dated 10th July 1977 with enclosures which I received yesterday afternoon. I have studied it in detail and I have to make the following comments:

I have been suggesting certain changes in procedure pertaining to accounts, publications, etc., with the following objectives in mind:

a) We should try to decentralise work and responsibilities with centres than hitherto with a view to relieving headquarters of a great deal of their work so that our Revered Master can also automatically be free of worries associated with administrative and executive functions of the Mission. Only in this way can his time be spared for important spiritual work.

b) By effective decentralisation, greater emphasis will be placed on accountability at work centres themselves i.e. our training centres of the Mission.

c) A great deal of simplification of procedures was felt by me to be necessary to avoid cumbersome documentation and particularly to avoid duplication of papers which only lead to accumulation of files at centres and headquarters.

Based on the overall assumptions of needs as above, I had made certain suggestions in respect of accounts and accounting procedures whereby the total number of accounting centres in India would be reduced to about a dozen. It was not my intention to add accounting units, as defined in your draft to such centres. Basically I had assumed that accounting centres would be the only accounting centres and 'units' would have no accounting functions at all. My idea was that books of accounts, statements of accounts, etc., would only be with the accounting centres. Units would deal for purposes of book sales, badge sales and photograph sales with the nearest accounting centre by taking supplies on cash basis and distributing them for cash in their respective units to abhyasis. This would have the advantage that a single accounting entry and a single billing would be enough as cash sales bills at accounting centres. The only problem that remains is to account donations by units since obviously units would have to be provided with receipt books. My idea in this connection was that each accounting centre would have a set of satellite units attached to it only for donations collection purposes. Such units would issue receipts and on the 25th of each month, send a short statement of account of donations received listing dates, name of donor, receipt number and amount received to the accounting centre to which the unit is attached. This would be the only accounting function that a unit would have. The accounting centre would receive the statement and the monies covered by it, account it as a receipt in its own books and bank the money.

I believe this to be the simplest procedure that we can evolve at the moment given the broad scope of the organisation as it exists as also the scope of its activities. Most units do not need bank accounts as donations are in any case small and mostly in the form of cash. It is only on rare occasions when special celebrations are held that donations are received by cheques. On such occasions, a temporary account can be opened at such units and closed after the purpose is fulfilled.

Reverting to your own proposals contained in your draft so kindly sent to me, I find that units as defined therein continue to be accounting centres in everything but name. They have all the accounting functions to perform that they currently do with the addition of having now to change over to a triplicate copy cash book. I do not think this in any way simplifies the existing system. I say this because whereas hitherto accounting units (or centres as you may choose to call them) have dealt directly with headquarters sending all the relevant supporting documentation direct to headquarters for consolidation, your proposal now interposes an accounting centre between the unit and the headquarters which is to incorporate unit accounts into its own accounts and will still be required to send you all unit accounts along with its own accounts for verification. I believe that this proposal if adopted, would not relieve either the headquarters or the units from any of their current accounting procedures. On the contrary it adds to the burden of work at accounting centres in that they have to perform the job of checking units' accounts and incorporating them in their own accounts before furnishing consolidated accounts to you. In effect, if I read your proposals correctly, this only means that unit accounts will now be checked at two points viz., accounting centres concerned and the headquarters. Apart from this, the burden of filing and storage of documents at accounting centres will enormously multiply and some of them will have to deal with large numbers of units. This does not absolve the headquarters of similarly receiving and storing large documentation because documentations sent by accounting centres will include the documents of the units attached to such accounting centres.

These are in broad outline the comments that I have to make on your proposals.

As regards powers to be vested in the various functionaries, in the last three or four years the General Secretary has been vested with additional duties such as authority to approve travel expenses, authority to approve publications, etc. This was done mainly with a view to relieving Revered Master of the pressure of the work which, in any case, he, as the spiritual head of the Mission, should not be burdened with. I find that your proposals seek to revert some of these responsibilities back to the office of the President. I think that in the larger interests of Master's health, and my earlier expressed intention of relieving him of all possible executive and administrative work, this proposal is a retrograde one. As far as travel authorisation is concerned, I would suggest that all travel within India should continue to be authorised by the General Secretary and only such travel as involves overseas travel should be referred to the President for approval.

As regards Bank accounts, it is true that cheque operated accounts qualify for two percent less interest, but I find that your proposal to bank all available cash and withdraw cash for purposes of expenses will add to the burden of physical work when cheque facilities are denied to centres and units. Perhaps it would be a more rational procedure to limit the amount of cash that can be held at each centre or unit without banking, specifying that the excess over such limits should be automatically banked.

After giving this broad and general reaction to your proposals I would like to go through in detail as under:

1. Accounting Centrés and Units:

1-1 My comments are already given above.

1-2 This is okay if the overall proposals are finalised satisfactorily.

1-3 Yes.

2. Functions and Duties of Accounting Centres:

2-1 Please see comments above.

2-2 Yes.

2-3 Will not apply if units are absolved of accounting functions and responsibilities.

2-4 Yes.

2-5 Yes.

3. Issue of Receipt Books and Maintenance of Records:

3-1 Yes.

3-2 While I agree in principle with this provision, Madras centre has been printing its own receipt books practically from its inception and in fact I have just given an order for ten more books containing one hundred receipts each for printing. I find that the pattern of receipts printed at the headquarters is unsatisfactory because firstly, it is too small and secondly certain features make entries illegible particularly the cash value in figures at the left-hand bottom corner of the receipt, which is printed heavily blacked over. Also I feel that the system of duplicate carbon copy often leads to problems of illegibility and for this reason, Madras centre has printed receipt books with a tear-off receipt leaving a duplicate counterfoil as a stub as in cheque books. If you approve this can be continued.

3-3 All right.

3-4 Will not apply if my comments above are accepted.

3-5 Will not apply if my comments above are accepted.

3-6 Yes.

3-7 In any case donations received are covered by receipts issued and the opening and closing numbers of receipts are given in the statements. For records receipt books in use and lying unutilised can be furnished.

4. Records at Units:

In view of my comments above, all that units will be expected to record are donations, statements and issue receipts which will be forwarded to the nearest or associated centre as may be decided upon.

5. Accounting at Centres:

5-1 Yes. Subject to the comment that if unit accounting is not implemented, there will be no need for unit receipts or unit disbursements column in the cash book. In this connection, I have recently printed a large cash book with a tear-off sheet and Madras centre accounts for the period 1st October 1976 to 31st March 1977 have already been furnished on such sheets. The book we have printed will be useful for another six to seven years and incorporating any change therein would be impossible. If at all you finally decide that unit accounting is an imperative necessity then I suggest that receipts and disbursements from units would continue to be incorporated in the cash column provided.

5-2 Will not be applicable if unit accounting is not adopted.

5-3 Will not be applicable if unit accounting is not adopted.

5-4 Yes.

5-5 Yes. This already being done by Madras centre over the past so many years.

5-6 I would suggest that submission of accounts to headquarters should only be on half-yearly basis. If figures are necessary for planning utilisation of funds at headquarters, centres could be called upon to give details of their cash and bank balances at the end of each quarter. Centres could augment this information with a projection of their financial needs for the next quarter so that headquarters can judge what funds are needed by centres and how much can be transferred to headquarters.

6. Bank Accounts:

6-1 It has been Master's consistent opinion that bank accounts should be as few as possible and such accounts should be opened only at certain centres to be specified by him. Please clarify. I had proposed several years ago that the President and General Secretary should also be signatories empowered to operate bank accounts wherever bank accounts are located in India.

6-2 I have already made comments on this. One way of overcoming the limitation of having an account which cannot be operated by cheques is to have two accounts, one for regular operation and the other which will accommodate all the funds of the centre. Cheque book operation would be facilitated by transfers from one account to the other whenever need arises so that no interest is lost to the Mission.

6-3 No additional comments apart from what I have stated above.

6-4 Same comment as 6-3 above.

6-5 Same comment as 6-3 above.

6-6 Yes. This is a must. Madras centre is following this procedure already.

7. Remittances to Headquarters:

7-1 Yes.

7-2 Yes.

8. Publications:

8-1 I have already commented above that currently the approving authority vests with the General Secretary. I would prefer that until a qualified superintendent of publications is appointed, this procedure should continue. I am sorry to hear that Shri Gunde Rao has resigned from this post recently. In any case my view has been that the Superintendent, Publications Department of the Mission should concern himself only with the operation of the press and the publication of the *Patrika* at Shahjahanpur. Work done elsewhere should continue to be under the approval of the General Secretary.

8-2 This is redundant in view of my comments on 8-1 above.

8-3 Yes. This is necessary.

8-4 Yes. This is necessary.

9. Financial Powers:

9-1 We normally have informal committees doing the work which your proposal 9-1 covers. I however find the provision for vouchers for expenses to be signed by all the members of the committee to be not only useless as an accounting measure but perhaps obnoxious in operation as it might lead to the feeling that the person tendering the expenses voucher is not trustworthy or that individual members of the committee are not trustworthy. I would suggest that this be changed so that the managing member of the committee's signature would be sufficient.

9-2 I feel this provision is redundant particularly the provision for obtaining specimen signatures.

9-3 Hitherto the practice has been that in most cases approval to hold large-scale functions are accorded by the General Secretary. I would wish this to continue as a measure of relieving the President of unnecessary work. In fact a function was recently held at Madurai centre of the Mission to celebrate Master's 78th birthday and approval has already been accorded for the Bangalore centre of the Mission to have a similar large-scale function in 1978.

9-4 I suggest that President's approval should only be necessary where overseas' tours are involved by members of the Mission.

9-5 All inland travel to be authorised by the General Secretary is in my opinion a proper organisational procedural requirement.

9-6 All right.

9-7 All right.

9-8 All right.

10. Heads of Account:

All right.

11. All right.

As regards list of accounting centres, please see my letter dated 13th August, 1976. The question of attaching units to accounting centres will not arise if my proposals are accepted. Units should preferably agglomerate an accounting centre which is proximate to that in terms of distance. To start with I would prefer state-wise affiliation which in effect would mean that each state in the Indian Union would have one accounting centre or if felt necessary, two and the other units would be attached informally to them. The units would confine accounting activities to donation receipts and maintenance of donation registers only. I would now thank you to examine this and let me have your comments. I would prefer that we thrash this out completely and evolve a suitable and at the same time as simple a system as possible before adoption.

With regards,

Your affectionately,
Parthasarathi

P.S. I have received brother Dr. S.B. Shyam Rao's letter dated 6th July which in a sense is more or less the same as what you have drafted out. I am therefore not making any comments on his letter but I am replying to him as per copy attached.
cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur.

No. 1904 **Shahjahanpur**
15th July 1977

My dear Parthasarthi,

Received your letter of July 12.

Last month, I had been to Lucknow for medical check up. On examination, the urine was found to contain two percent sugar and the blood sugar was a little above the limit. Samples were tested the next day when the urine sugar was nil and blood sugar within limit. The doctor said he had not come across such a case so far. I will be going to Lucknow shortly for a further check up on receipt of a call from the doctor. I am weak and feel giddy quite often. My work load is there in abundance.

I feel we should restrict granting of permission for preceptorship for some time. If demand is there, it should be explained in group meditation, grace starts flowing automatically to the abhyasis even in the absence of a preceptor.

Preceptors in general are expected to do thorough cleaning of the abhyasis. Rest of the work, they do not know how to do. In your case however, circumstances warranted my bringing you to the level of making preceptors.

I shall send the two certificates as required, but after some time. I do not know for certain if the persons referred to by you will do good work for the Mission.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

No. 1909 **Shahjahanpur**
16th July 1977

Shri Thasma Swami
7, Myna Teppakulam
3rd Street, East Gate
Madurai 625 001

Dear brother,

Received your letter dated 30th June 1977 regarding incurring of certain expenditure in getting *almirahs* and glass panels and frames, etc., fixed and purchase of tube-lights. You should have taken prior permission of the General Secretary for such an expense and I feel that the General Secretary is within his proper rights to refuse sanction at a later stage.

However, I now hope that such things shall not be repeated in future and as a very special case, this expenditure of Rs. 390/- for fixing up almirahs, glass panels and frames, etc., and Rs. 99/- for the purchase of three tube-lights, the total being Rs. 489/- only. (Rupees Four hundred and eighty-nine only) is approved on the following conditions:-

1. That the work done shall be the property of the Mission.
2. That it shall be properly accounted in the books of the centre and brought on charge in the Register of Capital Assets.

The compliance may please be reported to the General Secretary, with a copy to the head office.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, 'Gayathri', 11-E, North Street, Sri Ram Nagar, Madras 600 018.

No. 2069

Shahjahanpur
18th July 1977

The Manager
Allahabad Bank
City Office
Shahjahanpur

Dear Sir,

Mail Transfer to Madras

Kindly arrange to remit by Mail Transfer a sum of Rs. 1701.25 (Rupees one thousand seven hundred and one and paise twenty-five only) to the credit of our account No. S/28 at your Madras branch under advice to us. The subject amount may be debited to our General Fund account No. 388/III N.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully
for Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Ram Chandra
President

Copy to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, 11-E, North Street, Sri Ram Nagar, Madras 600 018.

R.C.

Madras
19th July 1977

My Beloved Master,

I am grateful to you for your letter No. 1904 of July 15th. Having been starved of any contact with you, your letter came as a refreshing breeze into my life. I am so relieved to hear from you that you are not suffering from diabetes. I hope you will have your next medical tests soon, and write to me the finding of the Lucknow doctor. May you be with us for ever and ever.

Regarding granting of permission, I have noted your advice and shall suspend this work for some time. My father had toured Rayalaseema districts of Andhra Pradesh twice and told me that at Yerraguntala and Doresanipalli (both near Proddatur) there are one hundred abhyasis at each place. The two abhyasis recently granted provisional permission are from these two places, and were selected by him as the best available. So I took this work up. Please let me know in due course when I should take up such work again. I am doing the work assigned by you, but often feel in the dark whether it is being done properly and effectively. An occasional comment by you would be a great help to me.

The book covering your tour of Malaysia and Singapore under the title *Blossoms in the East* is under print and I expect copies to be ready by 7th August 1977. Circulars have been sent to all centres inviting orders.

All are well by your love and grace. I hope to be at your holy feet and Beloved Presence by mid August for a few days.

With Love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
10th August 1977

Revered Master,

I have just received from Barbara Jeanne Levin, one of our preceptors in Boston, the minutes of the annual meeting of the U.S. Mission held in July last. They say they have already sent you a copy which I trust you have received and perused. I think, all in all, the meeting has gone off well though there is a hint that Mrs. Grace Kimball might not continue as preceptor-in-charge in the future. This is something which you have to decide and plan for the future.

A separate letter from Mr. Fred Weinstock mentions a visit by preceptor brother Shri R. Venkata Subba Reddy who has stated that he has special permission from you to visit the U.S. centres. Fred Weinstock adds in a circular he has sent to all centres that they should plan for his visit and his letter to me indicates that the expenses of Mr. Reddy in the States will be met by subscription by the abhyasis in the respective centres that he is planning to visit.

Shri Reddy did not meet me when he left for the States, though I do not know whether he has left, though Fred says he should have arrived on the 7th. This letter is to request you to let me have a copy of the letter issuing permission to Indians going abroad whenever such letter is issued so that I am aware of what is happening at headquarters. It is necessary that when such letters are issued there must be a specific reference to whether the visiting preceptor's expenses are to be paid by the overseas centres or not. In fact in an ideal situation one copy of your letter of permission should also be sent to the preceptor-in-charge of the overseas Mission concerned as authority for paying expenses wherever such expenses are permitted.

I am sorry to hear from some friends that during your recent visit to Lucknow that doctors have confirmed that you are suffering from diabetes. Please let me know what diet you are taking and how your health is. I had planned to visit Shahjahanpur this month but I am afraid this has to be cancelled. I hope to be able to visit you in September.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 2416 **Shahjahanpur**
12th September 1977

Mr. K.V. Reddy
Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

Dear Reddy,

As desired by our Genereal Secretary one copy of each of Articles and Bye-laws of our Mission at Headquarters and in Canada are sent herewith for your use.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Copy to Shri Parthasarathi Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras. Denmark Centre's Articles and Bye-laws could not be traced here. Hence a copy of Articles and Bye-laws of Canada Centre has been sent which I hope will be in order.

Ram Chandra

Camp Ahmedabad
15th September 1977

My Beloved Master,

I have been in Baroda and Ahmedabad for the last four days and have participated in satsangh at these two centres. At Baroda there are nearly sixty members while here at Ahmedabad there are nearly one hundred and forty members.

I found one very devoted and fit abhyasi at Baroda to be entrusted with Mission work and therefore took up preparation on 12th. This morning the work was completed and on Master's behalf provisional permission was granted to him. The abhyasi's name is:

Shri Madhubhai Tulsidas Amin
No. 1 Uday Park
Behind Shiv Mahal
New India Mill Road
Baroda 390005
Date of provisional permission 15th September 1977.

When the work was commenced on 12th night I had a feeling that you had taken up the case already! I request you to issue a provisional permission certificate and send it through brother Shri Devram Chavda.

I shall write in detail after I reach Madras on 15th September.

With Pranams,

Affectionately yours,
Parthasarathi

Shahjahanpur
17th September 1977

To: Mrs. Grace Kimball

Dear Sister,

Received your letter. I am sorry that due to my continuous illness for the last few months and subsequent weakness, I could not reply to your letter earlier. During the last three months I had three medical check-ups at Lucknow. I have returned from Lucknow on 25th August 1977. Due to this, replies of many other associates are also held up. Weakness still persists and oft times I get attacks of giddiness.

Of course, I am sorry for your resignation from preceptorship, but since you were left with no alternative it cannot be helped. Initially every brother and sister joining the Mission is an associate. Preceptorship is a little extra work on the associate who is given the duty. Being a preceptor or not, does not affect his or her being an associate. The training also is exactly the same to both. I am happy that you continue to be an associate and are as near and dear to me as before. I can assure you that your training will not be affected in the least. I am also glad to go through the contents of the minutes of the meeting of the associates there and I have noted with happiness that you continue to be the Director of the Mission in USA. I am writing to Shri P. Rajagopalachari at Madras on the subject and he may correspond with you in the matter.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Copy forwarded to Shri P. Rajagopalachari

Madras
24th September 1977

Beloved Master,

I have received your confidential letter No. 2433 dated 17th, along with my original letter of the 19th August. I am sorry that you could not read the handwriting. It was written in a moment of intense emotion and hence the bad handwriting. The letter was a letter of "confessions" arising out of an intense sense of guilt and remorse for past misdeeds. This feeling made me write to you to say that I felt myself to be unfit to be in a spiritual path, what to talk of being fit for a preceptor or anything more? I wanted you to decide about my spiritual future, particularly from the aspect of being entrusted with spiritual work. That is the gist of that letter. Anyway, I am sure that you understood the main trend of that letter, and so I am not typing it out for you afresh. I think that I have already given you too much trouble in your present state of health and weakness. The future is in your hands. I am willing to do anything you want. That is all. As for the past, I follow your advice of thinking all that is past to belong to a past life.

I am sorry to note that Sister Grace Kimball has resigned from the work of a preceptor. I do not know what will become of the American organisation. I shall write to her later on. I do not know whether she would welcome a letter from me. I shall act as you advise.

I have been trying to plan a visit to Shahjahanpur for the past two months but without any success. I have now a hope of coming to you in the middle of October. I shall let you know as soon as the programme is final.

I had a long discussion with brother Shri Devram Chavda who kindly came to see me at Bombay last week. The discussion was about Master's *Kutir* proposed to be constructed at the ashram. I have given several suggestions which I feel should be considered. Perhaps he will discuss them with you when he comes there.

Have you decided about the proposal to visit Nepal? If you are not well then the proposal can be dropped. I hear that you will go to Assam in November end for the inauguration of the ashram there. Please let me know.

I look forward to having your *darshan* soon.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

President:
H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj
General Secretary
P. Rajagopalachari

Madras

12th October 1977

Dear brother,

It has been a matter of great satisfaction to all our devoted brothers and sisters that the annual celebration of the birthday of our beloved Master on the 30th of April each year has been going on for some years now. Abhyasis all over the world have expressed their feeling that as our Master celebrates the birthday of his own Master, Shri Lalaji Maharaj, in a most fitting and auspicious manner, we the abhyasis of our Master should similarly celebrate the birthday of our own Master in a similar fitting and auspicious manner. To fulfil these wishes and make this possible, a beginning has been made by celebrating our Master's birthday on an All India scale since 1974, when Master's 75th birthday was celebrated at Hyderabad. This has been followed by annual celebrations at the

Rajapalayam centre of the Mission in 1976 and at Madurai centre of the Mission in 1977.

You are, perhaps, already aware that the Bangalore centre of the Mission will be celebrating Master's 79th birthday on the 30th of April 1978. Arrangements have already commenced to make this celebration a full scale celebration in every sense of the word.

Master's mind has been occupied for many years now with the provision of adequate facilities for meditation and other activities of the Mission at the various centres of the Mission. He has expressed his hope that at least the four main cities of India viz. Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, should have adequate ashram facilities in the near future. In the hope of fulfilling Master's expectations in this matter, Bangalore centre is embarking on a major fund raising venture coupled with the celebration of Master's 79th birthday. With Master's blessings, it is hoped to raise a minimum of Rs. 10 lakhs, which fund will be placed at the disposal of the headquarters to be used at Master's sole and entire discretion. With this as a nucleus, augmented by further additions to this fund by collections during future celebrations of Master's birthday during subsequent years, it is hoped that construction of ashrams at the four centres mentioned above will become possible by 1980.

Bangalore centre of the Mission has already constructed a small part of the ashram within its overall plan. To complete the Bangalore ashram, an estimated sum of Rs. 4 (four) *lakhs* is required. Before taking up any fresh work, it is necessary that the existing work is completed.

I am writing this short note to you to request your cooperation in making the ensuing Birthday Celebration of our Master at Bangalore a grand success, and in simultaneously achieving the aims noted above.

A detailed circular will be issued shortly by the Chairman of the Celebrations Committee, our respected brother Shri

Raghavendra Rao of Raichur. Brother Raghavendra Rao has expressed a desire to have a committee consisting of the following persons, which will function as the Celebrations Committee. I am sure that all brothers who feature in this committee will gladly and whole-heartedly accept this happy assignment.

Celebration Committee

1. Shri Raghavendra Rao - Chairman
2. Shri R.L. Mimani
3. Shri D.B. Patel
4. Shri Devram Chavda
5. Shri Kashiram Agarwal
6. Shri M.S. Sundara
7. Shri M.D. Jahagirdar
8. Shri P. Rajagopalachari - Secretary of the Committee

Finance Sub-Committee

1. Shri R.L. Mimani, Calcutta - Chairman
2. Shri Kashiram Agarwal, Shahjahanpur
3. Shri D.B. Patel, Tinsukia
4. Shri Devram Chavda, Navsari
5. Shri M.S. Sundara, New Delhi
6. Shri Gobind Ram Agarwal, Ahmedabad
7. Shri T.N. Ramaswamy, Tiruchirapalli
8. Shri M. Venkatasubbiah, Yerraguntala
9. Shri P. Ramamurthy, Nagpur

Souvenir Sub-Committee

1. Dr. C.A. Rajagopalachari, Madras - Chairman
2. Dr. A.B. Jajodia, Bombay
3. Shri S.A. Sarnad, Gulbarga
4. Shri N. Kumaraswamy, Hyderabad
5. Shri R. Venkatasubba Reddy, Cuddappah
6. Shri C.E. Gupta, Madras

As part of the resources raising programme, a souvenir will be issued on this auspicious occasion. Bangalore centre will shortly let you have the advertisement tariff together with the order forms for use by advertisers. Apart from this, the major collection will be under the head of donations. Thus the collections will be under two heads of accounts:

(i) Bangalore Souvenir Advertisement Account
(ii) Bangalore Celebration Donations Account

It is proposed to leave the collections to individual centres to be receipted under these heads of accounts with the request that the centres will subsequently transfer the collections to Bangalore centre specifying the amount under each head of account. The receipt books of the Mission with you may be used for this purpose. If additional books are required, kindly address brother A.H. Krishna, Accountant of the Mission, at Shahjahanpur.

It is our earnest desire to pack the souvenir with articles from our brothers and sisters. You are, therefore, requested to circulate among the abhyasis of your centre, our invitation to them to submit their articles well in advance direct to Bangalore centre. The souvenir will be in English.

It is hoped to hold the first meeting of the Celebrations Committee at Tinsukia on 25th November 1977. All committee members are requested to kindly attend. I request that all correspondence on this subject may kindly be addressed to the Bangalore centre of the Mission.

With kind regards,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
24th October 1977

Revered Master,

I have noted from a recent printed circular issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Mission that identity cards are proposed to be issued to the members of the Mission. For various reasons this is not in the interest of the Mission and I would therefore like you to keep this in abeyance till I discuss with you in person.

I have already written to brother Krishna that I will be arriving at Shahjahanpur on the 28th evening by the Kashi Vishwanath Express. Due to some last minute changes in official programme I will be only arriving on the 30th morning by car from Lucknow around ten o'clock. I shall go straight to the ashram along with two of my abhyasi brothers, B. Rajagopal of Virudhunagar and S. Shankararajan of Virudhunagar. As I have already written to brother Krishna I am sorry I have not been able to apply for formal permission to this visit and this may kindly be ratified by you. I hope to stay on Sunday, Monday and perhaps Tuesday also before leaving for Delhi. I would like to leave for Delhi on Tuesday the 1st night by Kashi Vishwanath Express. I will be obliged if brother Krishna is requested to buy 1st class tickets for three of us for journey Shahjahanpur-New Delhi by the Kashi Vishwanath Express leaving on Tuesday 1st night:-

P. Rajagopalachari	Age 50
S. Sankararajan	Age 45
B. Rajagopal	Age 40

I shall pay cash for these tickets on arrival.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Hotel Broadway
Camp New Delhi
Friday 4th November 1977

Beloved Master,

I hope you are well and that the giddiness is also gone.

I had a strange dream at 4 A.M. or so this morning. I was in my house. When I went in, I saw that all the ceilings in all the rooms are sagging down, as if there is a great deal of water on top—like tent roofs. A few minutes later the scene changes. I am standing outside. The whole house has been destroyed or demolished. There is no house where it had stood earlier. There is no rubble or anything. Only the foundation of the house is faintly visible on the ground. I am wondering what to do. Then I woke up.

I shall be grateful if you will please explain the significance of this dream to me as early as possible. I should be reaching Madras on 10th November 1977.

Please let me know definitely whether you are going to Assam or not.

With love and Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

There is a possibility that from Assam I may have to go abroad for about forty days on an export tour to Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania and Mauritius. I pray for your Blessing.

I have had two long discussions with brother S.C. Kishore. He has written to you yesterday, he said, and will be meeting you shortly.

PR

No. 363

Shahjahanpur
8th November 1977

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter dated 4th November 1977. Your dream is good. The walls of the house were all demolished or destroyed and the structure also gave way. The old ideas of the past are going. You might be remembering what I wrote in *Reality at Dawn*, that the world's civilisation will stand on the bones and ashes. The old methods of worship and meaningless puja are tottering down. The dream is the sign for it and gives some glimpse of the future to come.

I think you remember what I said about you. My Master has said to break the bondage and I am waiting for further instructions on some matters in this connection.

As yet the dates for Ninni's marriage have not been fixed. I am waiting the same. If the marriage dates do not coincide with the dates of inauguration at Tinsukia I am definite to go there, but if the dates clash, it would be doubtful whether I should be able to go there as I feel that my presence at the marriage is quite essential.

I have noted that you are going abroad on export tour for forty days. Though I feel that the work of the Mission will suffer a little. One of our associates, Mr. Mathur is in Iran and Dina Joannides is in Egypt. I am writing below the address of Mr. Mathur in Iran.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Address
Mr. R.P. Mathur
College of Agriculture
Jundishapur University
Ahwaz, Iran

TELEGRAM **15th November 1977**

To: P. Rajagopalachari

REACHING TINSUKIA 25TH MORNING

RAM CHANDRA

24th November 1977

Revered Master,

I attach herewith a true copy of a letter dated 21st November 1977 received from our Preceptor Sister Smt. D. Ranganayaki of Tirupati. From the contents of her letter you will note that she wishes to construct a small house adjoining the watchman's quarters involving a maximum cost of Rs.15,000/- for a proposed construction of 500 square feet area. This will be donated outright to the Mission and her only request is that she should be allowed to occupy the house by being given unrestricted and free possession of the same for her lifetime. Her niece is likely to stay with her. She is also an abhyasi.

I think this proposal is worth considering and will have your acceptance. Please let me know your views in this matter.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

25th November 1977

Dr. V. Parthasarathi
Vijayawada

Dear brother,

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd instant giving (1) the full address of brother Shri B. Umamaheswar Rao, Life subscriber and (2) the opinion of our abhyasi brother and Advocate Shri A.B.G. Somayajulu. Since you have posted a copy to Master, I shall await Master's instructions before advising you about legal proceedings.

With regards,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur - Kindly see brother Shri Somayajulu's advice. He advises legal action. If you consider this necessary, please let me know so that instructions to Dr. V. Parthasarathi of Vijayawada can be given.

Madras
4th December 1977

My beloved Master,

On his return from Assam brother Narayanaswamy has given us a very detailed account of the ashram inauguration celebrations at Tinsukia. It was a very great disappointment to me that I had to cancel my visit to that place on the sudden and unwarranted advice of Mr. T.T. Vasu, the younger brother of Mr. T.T. Narasimhan. I do not know what provoked him to this, as I had work at Calcutta, and had also planned a first visit to Kathmandu for the work of the company. Anyway, as I did not want to worsen matters, I agreed. It was thus not possible for me to participate in the function.

I was under considerable tension from the morning of 21st November onwards, after this thing had happened. Probably as a result of this inner tension and worry, I had some pain in the middle chest, on the tip of the sternum and below it, at 3:30 A.M. of Sunday 27th. I thought it might be due to gas. A dose of homeopathic China put me to sleep within a few minutes. The next night, i.e. about thirty-six hours later, at 9 P.M. the pain started again, and this time lasted for several hours, and no medicine gave any relief. Finally, a hot water fomentation at midnight enabled me to sleep.

The next morning I went to my doctor for a check. He suspected some heart trouble and advised me to have a chest X-ray and ECG immediately. I had this done immediately, and I am glad to report to you that both are normal. I have been on rest the whole of the week, and I am to return to duty tomorrow. I do not know how long I will be able to pull on in the company under such a hostile atmosphere. Anyway I shall continue as long as I can, and shall avoid any precipitate action from my side. I pray for your guidance and help.

I have been very perturbed to hear from Shri Narayanaswamy that the Tinsukia visit has weakened you considerably, and that your giddiness has also increased. I hope that your medical check-up at Lucknow has revealed all to be well. Please take care of your health, and do not strain yourself unnecessarily. I do not know whether you were able to discuss with brother Shri Raghavendra Rao and others the ideas you explained to me about the formation of a council to assist you. I hope to be there for Basant. The matter can be finalised then. In future I shall come to You only on leave. This will also apply for any journeys that I have to undertake to attend to Mission work. This will prevent any interference from my bosses, though I may not be able to make so many trips. Also, if I have to take leave for travels within India, then it may be difficult to get leave to go with you on trips outside India. These are all sudden problems that have developed, and I do not see how to solve them. The extreme solution would be to be free of all fetters, so that all my time is mine. But this will probably have to wait till Chi. Krishna has at least completed his education—unless the decision is taken out of my hands by anything that my bosses may do. It is all in your hands.

Here all are well by your love and grace.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 515 **Shahjahanpur**
14th December 1977

Dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter of 4th December 1977. All the participants felt very happy about grand success of the function at Tinsukia.

As regards the recent setback in your health, I would very much like to know the diagnosis of the doctor. I hope by now you might be feeling better.

I had the usual medical check-up at Lucknow early this month. The sugar value in blood is quite normal and the urine sugar is nil. Giddiness still continues. With the onset of winter season, I am slowly improving.

Regarding the formation of the Council, I found brother Raghavendra Rao to be in full agreement. I have requested him to prepare a draft detailing the important points. I wish you also may get one ready for our consideration during Basant Utsav.

Shri K.V. Reddy of Malaysia had been here for a couple of days. He said he might be meeting you also. I have put him in *trikuti* and shortly I will place him in *brahmand mandal*.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Camp Madurai
18th December 1977

Revered Master,

I have received your affectionate letter No. 515 of 14th December 1977, and we are all happy that your tests at Lucknow have revealed no sugar at all in blood and urine. For your giddiness you must rest more and work less.

I am all right now. ECG was taken, normal and after exercise. Also chest X-ray. Doctor has said everything is normal. I have had no recurrence of any chest pain thereafter. It was all due to trouble in my office.

Brother K.V. Reddy of Malaysia was with us for two full days, then went to Bangalore and should have returned to Malaysia on 15th December. I am here with family at Madurai since 12th December and will return to Madras around 1st January 1978.

Bạri Bahu sends you her pranams and *charan sparsh*. She and Chi. Krishna are well.

I shall bring a draft for your consideration regarding the Council when I come for Basant.

With Pranams and Love,

Affectionately,
Parthasarathi

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Madras
3rd January 1978

Beloved Master,

At the request of brother Shri K.V. Reddy of Malaysia, the work of preparing an additional preceptor for Ireland, to help sister Bairbre, was taken up and completed yesterday. On your behalf provisional permission has been granted to

Rosalind Pearmain
36, Bayside Square North
Sutton
Dublin
Ireland

on 2nd January 1978.

A provisional permission certificate may please be issued and handed over to brother K.V. Reddy or his wife when they come to you on 5th or 6th of this month.

I am happy to hear from Dr. Gangloff that your health is improving.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
7th January 1978

Revered Master,

I am requesting brother Shri Dasarathan of Trichi centre to go to Shahjahanpur on 11th January and deliver 300 badges and 3000 delegate badges for Basant (1500 in blue colour for this year and 1500 in red for 1979) —along with 3000 safety pins for use with these badges. No meal-ticket coupon books need be printed this year.

Brother Dasarathan is going to Delhi in connection with his daughter's marriage and will visit Shahjahanpur only at my request for one day, leaving on 11th night itself for Delhi.

Pranams,

Affectionately,
Parthasarathi

9th January 1978

Shri Raghavendra Rao
Gulbarga

Dear brother,

Rev. Master has decided to have some serious discussions on the formation of a President's Council and since during Basant Panchami we will have hardly any time for this, I am proposing to stay on at Shahjahanpur on the 14th and 15th and leave for Delhi only on the 15th night on my return journey to Madras. I shall be grateful if you will also plan similarly so that 14th and 15th will be free for us and Master will also be free after the Utsav so that we can have our discussions during those two days. I think brother Sarnad will also have to be requested to plan similarly and you may kindly inform him of this. Kindly confirm that you will be able to stay on as per this programme.

With regards,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur - for kind information.
cc. Shri Devram Chavda, Shahjahanpur - for kind information.

17th January 1978

Beloved Master,

I trust most fervently that your health is improving. Dr. Gangloff had written to me that you were much better, and we were all very greatly relieved to hear it.

I have been thinking about the formation of the President's Council. Brother Shri Raghavendra Rao had kindly made available a draft prepared by brother Shri Sarnad. Taking into consideration the points I had discussed with you at Shahjahanpur when I was there last, I have prepared a detailed draft which I enclose for your perusal. If it is necessary to elaborate on it later, we can do so. I had requested both Shri Raghavendra Rao and Shri Sarnad to come for Basant prepared to stay one or two days extra, but both have to return on the 13th itself. So we will have to conduct the meeting either on the 11th or the 12th. I would suggest that we should have the meeting on 11th itself so that the 12th will be available if a second meeting becomes necessary.

I shall be arriving on the 8th February night with Bari Bahu by the Kashi Vishwanath Express. I shall be accompanied by my brother and his wife and son from Bangalore, apart from about fifteen volunteers. So about twenty of us will arrive that night (Wednesday 8th February). Last year I was accommodated in Room No. 4 at the ashram. If it is possible I would like a room so that some of us can stay there in the room. My brother and his wife would need this facility as he is not in good health, being a diabetic. If you approve of this then brother N.S. Rao may please be advised to reserve the accommodation for our use.

I am passing through very difficult times and my official life has become very unhappy and miserable. It takes an effort of will to go to the office each day, and I do not know on which day my employment will come to an end. At home too things are far from happy. It is only your grace that I am maintaining cheerfulness and continuing to exist from day to day. I shall explain things to you in person.

I pray that you may be with us for ever.

With love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

President's Council

His Holiness Mahatma Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj, President of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Shahjahanpur, being desirous of forming a council to be called "President's Council", has ordered such a council in the name and style referred to above be immediately constituted on the following basis:

1. The council shall consist of five members.
2. The following will be the members of the council:
   a) Shri Raghavendra Rao
   b) Shri P. Rajagopalachari
   c) Shri (Dr.) S.P. Srivastava
   d) Shri S.A. Sarnad

e) Shri Devram Chavda

The Council may be reconstituted at any time at the sole and entire discretion of the President without any notice being necessary.

3. The Council shall assist the President in all matters pertaining to the Mission, both organisational and spiritual, and shall carry out the duties entrusted to the members, individually and collectively, under the direct orders of the President.
4. The General Secretary of the Mission shall be the Chairman of the President's Council, and shall be responsible for the working of the Council, apart from carrying out the duties and responsibilities pertaining to the office of General Secretary.
5. Whereas the office of the General Secretary has jurisdiction over the activities of the Mission throughout the world, the President's Council's jurisdiction in respect of organisational matters will be limited to Mission activities within India.
6. The Chairman of the Council shall report to the President direct, after compiling reports from the individual members of the Council.
7. The members of the Council shall preside over the annual meetings of the Working Committee in rotation. The Chairman of the Council shall be a permanent member of the Working Committee.
8. The Council shall guide the Working Committee of the Mission in carrying out its duties and responsibilities and the Working Committee shall report to the Chairman of the Council on all work undertaken by it.
9. To promote feelings of brotherhood and to eradicate feelings of geographical and other cultural affiliations, the members of the Council should engage themselves in areas other than their own.
10. The members of the Council shall meet as often as is deemed necessary at a place of mutual convenience.

Travelling expenses incurred by them shall be borne by the Mission, payable out of Central Mission funds (General account) at Mission headquarters in Shahjahanpur. The Council shall meet once a year without fail in the presence of the President, and oftener if necessary, under the instructions of the President.

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24th January 1978

Dr. Med. H. Gangloff
Munich, West Germany

My dear Hanns,

Thank you for your affectionate letter of the 14th instant. I have noted what you have written to Jens Clausen. Perhaps I have not informed you that we are having a celebration at Bangalore on 30th April 1978 to celebrate Master's 79th birthday. On this happy occasion it is proposed to collect a sum of not less than Rs. 10 lakhs to form a Central fund for construction of ashrams at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, apart from completing the present structure at Bangalore.

As a matter of policy, Ashram construction at the various centres of the Mission will be centrally controlled and matters concerning this should be discussed with me and not with preceptors of centres. In fact preceptors at various centres should discuss with nobody else except Master and the General Secretary.

The idea of mobilising funds is an excellent one, but please ensure that no particular centre or construction is specified for this purpose, i.e. donations should be sent towards "Ashram Building Fund" direct to Shahjahanpur by bankers' draft in the name of Shri Ram Chandra Mission. Foreign remittances are receivable only at Shahjahanpur which kindly note. When funds accumulate it will be decided by Master and the Committee of what funds will be needed for individual cases.

You are also perhaps aware that overseas centres which are registered in their countries, are prohibited from transferring funds to the parent Mission in India. Therefore neither the U.S. nor Danish Mission can finance our building activities in India, but of course individuals are free to donate what they feel like. I am also endorsng a copy of this letter to Mr. M.S. Sundara for information.

I also attach a copy of our circular on Master's 79th birthday for your information.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Mr. M.S. Sundara
cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur

Madras
26th January 1978

Revered Master,

Michael, one of the brothers of Denmark, asks to stay with you at Shahjahanpur for a few days more—the others of his group are leaving for Copenhagen on 27th January 1978. I have told him that there will be no objection to this—and that you will approve it.

He will arrive on 28th January and leave on 5th February 1978.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

22nd February 1978

Mr. Ian C.S. Hay
Surrey, England

Dear brother Hay,

Master showed me your letter to him dated 23rd January when I was with him recently for the Basant Panchami celebrations, and also the pamphlet that you propose printing. Since he desires substantial changes to be made in the pamphlet before it is printed, kindly do not print before he has approved it.

Master feels that it would be better that you utilise standard Mission literature, as these are already approved by Master and are safe for circulation.

Wishing you all the best,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

PS: Incidentally, for our Preceptor's cards the following information is required, which I request you to kindly furnish:

1. Date of birth
2. Date of joining the Mission
3. Three copies of passport size photographs

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur - I am returning the original letter to you along with my reply.

Madras
25th February 1978

Revered Master,

I have been thinking over the Bangalore celebration and I have prepared a plan for your travel as given below.

Tuesday	25-4-1978	Leave Shahjahanpur by car and arrive Delhi

Thursday	27-4-1978	Departure Delhi 16:30 hrs. IC-403 Arrive Bangalore 19:00 hrs.
Friday	28-4-1978	Stay at Bangalore for the Celebration
Saturday	29-4-1978	"
Sunday	30-4-1978	"
Monday	1-5-1978	"
Tuesday	2-5-1978	Departure Bangalore 15:35 hrs. IC-504 daily Arrive Madras 16:35 hrs.
Thursday	9-5-1978	One week stay in Madras Departure Madras 18:55 hrs. IC-440 Daily Arrive Delhi 21:30 hrs
Saturday	11-5-1978	Return from Delhi to Shahjahanpur

This means a total of sixteen days absence from Shahjahanpur which I think you can easily manage. It is absolutely essential that you be present personally to bless the Bangalore celebrations to which abhyasis from all over India are expected. The organisers have planned for accommodation up to two thousand abhyasis and we are sure the number will not fall in any case below one thousand five hundred.

As far as staying in Bangalore is concerned, I suggest you stay with brother S.K. Sundaram and family, who have a very nice house within ten minutes to our Bangalore ashram by walk and by two minutes by car. They will look after you with great affection and love.

Your stay in Madras is of course no problem. I trust you will readily give your concurrence to this programme immediately so that I can arrange for the tickets for the entire journey, Delhi-Bangalore-Madras-Delhi. I look forward to your confirmation as early as possible.

Pranams,

Your affectionately
Parthasarathi

cc. Shri M.D. Jahagirdar

P.S. Shri Gunde Raoji told me that he will be going home with your approval and so it has been decided that brother A.H. Krishna will be accompanying you on this trip.

Confidential

25th February 1978

Revered Master,

We had a comfortable journey back home though it took a few days to recover from the climatic changes and the strain of Basant Panchami celebrations. I have not spoken to my father about what you told me. I do hope you remember about his proposal to go to Germany for an eye operation and I request you to speak to Dr. Gangloff suitably.

With love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 835 **Shahjahanpur**
28th February 1978

Dear Parthasarathi,

I have received your letter of the 25th instant regarding the Bangalore visit in April.

I am in agreement with the proposals up to arrival at Madras on Tuesday (May 2, 1978). I wish to leave for Delhi from Madras on May 6, 1978. You may arrange to get the tickets for the entire journey, Delhi-Bangalore-Madras-Delhi, in time.

With Blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

P.S. Please find herewith a copy of full permission certificates issued to Dr. S.P. Srivastava of Lakhimpur-Kheri for record in your office.

Gunde Rao

Madras
3rd March 1978

My beloved Master,

I am grateful to you for your kind and affectionate letter No. 835 of the 28th February confirming your approval to the Bangalore programme. I have noted that you wish to leave Madras for Delhi on the return journey on the 6th May. I shall arrange accordingly. The tickets will be with Shri R. Krishnaswamy of the Delhi centre in time for you to travel.

All are well by your grace. *Voice Real* Vol. II is in advanced stage of printing. The book will be ready by the end of March definitely, and will be formally released on the 30th April during the Bangalore celebrations.

I earnestly hope that the improvement in your health is being maintained. It would be very helpful if you could have taken a longer period of rest at Madras as this would have helped you to recoup somewhat.

With all my love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

P.S. I request you to postpone departure at Madras by one day to 7th May 1978 so that on 7th, Sunday, we can have you here with us.

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Madras
3rd March 1978

Mr. William Waycott
Los Angeles, California (USA)

Dear brother,

I am pleased to inform you that our Revered Master has been gracious enough to appoint you as Preceptor-in-charge of USA. This is consequent on the resignation of Mrs. Grace Kimball of this office. I trust that with Master's grace it will be possible for you to organise Mission activity in USA on a sound and growing foundation.

By Order of the President
Yours affectionately
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur
cc. Mrs. Grace Kimball, USA
cc. Barbara Jeanne Levin - Please include this information in your next issue of *Constant Remembrance*.

No. 90 **Shahjahanpur**
14th March 1978

Dear Parthasarathi,

Received the copy of your letter addressed to Mr. William Waycott.

I have sent today the message to be published in Souvenir at Bangalore.

Mrs. Birthe Haugaard has written to me that she along with five abhyasis are reaching Shahjahanpur on 16th October 1978 for a week's stay. She somehow came to know that I will be in

Nepal on these days. I have requested Mr. K.V. Reddy to have my visit to Nepal after 25th October.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
18th March 1978

My Beloved Master,

I received your affectionate letter yesterday. Here all is well by your grace. Bari Bahu has been unwell with bronchitis ever since returning from Shahjahanpur. Chi. Krishna has also been unwell for the past one week with virus fever. Now however all are well on the road to recovery.

This morning provisional permission was granted on your behalf to:

Anne-Marie Van Steven of Holland.

Kindly issue a provisional permission certificate, and hand it over to brother André Rombout of Holland who will be with you when this letter arrives. He will take it to Holland and hand it over to sister Anne-Marie. I shall take up the other case as instructed by you within the next few days.

Voice Real II printing is well under way, and I expect printing to be completed by this weekend. Binding should be over by the end of this month. The publication will be formally released at Bangalore on Master's Birthday—30th April. I am going to Bangalore on the 23rd for three days in connection with the arrangements for the celebrations and will be back on 27th.

Since Br. Krishna will be staying back at Bangalore, I may go to Delhi with you on your return journey from Madras. I hope that someone will accompany you from Delhi to Shahjahanpur.

With Love and Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

21st March 1978

Shri R. Krishnaswamy
New Delhi

My dear Brother,

Ref: Plot for Ashram construction at Delhi.

I have just received your kind letter dated 20th March along with the enclosures pertaining to the above matter. Thank you for all the trouble you are taking to keep me informed and particularly for providing the necessary documentation.

It is the most appropriate that we immediately take all necessary action in getting a plot of land with building thereon. The building can be subsequently demolished at a PROFIT to the Mission, and is therefore no bar to acquisition on this basis. I trust all concerned are busy with this important matter and that you will receive adequate assistance in satisfactorily concluding land acquisition for the Ashram.

I believe the maps sent by you are for my records and I am therefore not returning them. I hope to hear from you in the near future that the matter has been satisfactorily concluded.

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

Copy to Revered Master

Madras
22nd March 1978

Beloved Master,

Chi. Umesh has today shown us a plot of land for the Madras ashram measuring about 7.12 grounds—16800 sq. ft.—which we have all liked very much. It is ideally located in a very peaceful and quiet place and is suitable in every way. I have therefore agreed to negotiate for the purchase of this property, and as advised by Chi. Umesh I have addressed a letter to the owner Mrs. Kutty Ramanaiah at Delhi, agreeing to purchase the property at an agreed price of Rs. 95000/- only. Apart from this we will have to bear registration and other charges. I think the total will not exceed Rs. 1,20000/-. I attach herewith a copy of the letter I have addressed today to Mrs. Kutty Ramaniah for your record at headquarters. I shall be glad to have a letter from you **per return of post** approving this purchase, and also authorising me to execute all documents etc. in connection with this transaction. Please treat this as urgent. There are a lot of people interested in this plot, and the price we have negotiated is about sixty percent of the prevailing price in that area.

With your blessings we hope to complete all formalities within the month end. Awaiting your kind reply.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

22nd March 1978

Dear Mrs. Ramanaiah,

Ref: Sale of your plot No. 5 in T.S.No.9 Block 16 Adayar Village to the Shri Ram Chandra Mission

We have seen this afternoon the above plot owned by you, measuring approximately 7.12 grounds, and we are pleased to inform you that we are agreeable to purchase the above said plot at a total purchase price of Rupees Ninety Five Thousand only (Rs. 95000/-). We are also happy to have had your telephonic acceptance of this price when Shri Umesh Chandra Saxena telephoned you this afternoon after we had seen the plot.

We trust that you will arrange to obtain the approval of the Urban Land authorities at Madras to the proposed sale, as our purchase of the plot will not be possible without such approval.

We hope to hear from your legal representative, Shri A.C. Mutthanna, within the next few days so that the Purchase/Sale agreement between us can be finalised and completed at the agreed price stated above. We are willing to pay an advance of Rs. 5001/- only to your accredited representative, and the balance of the purchase price within ninety days thereafter.

We trust this is agreeable to you and look forward to the pleasure of your early reply.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,
P. Rajagopalachari

30th March 1978

Revered Master,

I have already written to you about the proposed purchase of 7.12 grounds (17,088 sq.ft.) of land for the Ashram. There is a second plot exactly adjacent to it measuring 7.18 grounds (17,232 sq.ft.) which can be obtained at the same price. If both the plots are bought together, we will have a big plot measuring 14.30 grounds which is approximately 0.78 acres, i.e. a little more than ¾ acre, and the plot will have a frontage on the road side of about 210 feet and width of about 170 feet. The total purchase value will be approximately 1.9 lakhs. Stamp fees will be approximately Rs.24,700/- and Registration charges at one-half percent will be Rs. 950/-. The total will be about Rs.25,650/-, say a maximum of Rs.30,000/- so that the total value will come to about Rs.2,20,000/- for purposes of capitalisation.

We have here at the moment available Rs.30,000/- in our bank account. Apart from this we have one Fixed Deposit for Rs.90,000/- which is due to mature on 22nd July 1978, so that by end of July we will have Rs.1,20,000/- available. A third source of funds will be a Company deposit of Rs.50,000/- invested with The Indian Textile Paper Tube Co. Ltd., which we can draw at any time sacrificing the interest. I would however prefer not to touch this at the moment but keep the Rs.1,20,000/- for expenses and request Headquarters to transfer another one lakh of rupees to Madras immediately from Building Fund account so that the total estimate of Rs.2,20,000/- will be available to us. I trust you will give this your detailed consideration and grant your approval formally to this purchase.

It will be impossible to get a plot of this size in the future within easy accessibility of most of us and it is practically in the heart of the city on a river bank and in one of the most secluded spots, quite ideal for our purposes.

I need your approval immediately because if we purchase both plots together we can máke one application to the Urban Land authorities since we have no property at all in Madras at the moment. If we purchase one and then think of buying another one later, we will have to explain to the authorities why additional land is required, etc. I think this is a most worthwhile proposition and I would urge your granting approval to this preferably by telegram and also arrange to transfer Rs.one lakh to Madras from Building Fund with

Headquarters, so that the whole matter can be finalised before 31st July 1978.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 994 **Shahjahanpur**
4th April 1978

My Dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter of 30th March 1978. I went through the contents carefully.

It is indeed a good thing to have a big site for the Ashram there. But I find that the revised estimate is too high to manage easily.

If we invest much on the plot itself, there will be difficulty to start the work of construction which would require heavy funds later.

You know, we recently sent Rs. 25,000/- to Bangalore and spent a like sum for the kitchen extension work. We may have to provide funds for the construction of office building at the Ashram shortly. We have a balance of about Rs. 80,000/- in our Building Fund account from which I can transfer Rs. 50,000/- at any time.

In view of the above facts, I am inclined to request you to have the first proposal finalised at your convenience.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
7th April 1978

Revered Master,

I received your telegram and also your letter ref. 994 dated 4th April and noted the contents. I quite agree with you that we should not lock up a big sum in land, but the present site is so attractive that I will wait till you see it when you come to Madras before finalising this.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

10th April 1978

Revered Master,

Preceptor brother Shri K. Vevekananthan of Kelang, Malayasia, accompanied by his wife Mrs. Kamala Devi, arrived here day before yesterday and are with us for two days. They will leave for Bombay tomorrow, then go to Delhi, and then on to Srinagar, Kashmir for a few days before coming to see you at Shahjahanpur.

They are arranging to arrive at Shahjahanpur by the Kashi Vishwanath Express on Thursday 20th April at about 8:00 P.M. from Delhi. Arrangements may kindly be made for someone to meet them at the railway station with the car as this is their first visit. Further, they wish to leave Shahjahanpur on 26th. If they can accompany you by car to Delhi they will be delighted. If this is not possible, then please ask someone to reserve two first class tickets by the Kashi Vishwanath Express leaving on 25th (Tuesday) so that they can be in Delhi on 26th morning. They will fly with you from Delhi to Bangalore.

Details for purchase of Rail tickets:

Shri K. Vevekananthan	Age 46
Mrs. V. Kamala Devi	Age 35

They will pay the value of the tickets on arrival there.

I am happy to inform you that *Voice Real* Second Selection has been printed. I am sending you one copy through brother K. Vevakananthan. It will be officially released at the coming Utsav at Bangalore on the 30th April. I am arranging to send 360 copies in a case by passenger train within the next few days. It should reach Shahjahanpur by the end of the month.

All are well by your grace. Chi. Krishna's examinations commence on the 19th of this month, and he is busy with his preparations. He hopes to be able to attend the Utsav at Bangalore.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

14th May 1978

Sister D. Ranganayaki
Tirupati

Dear Sister,

Re: Madanapalli Centre of the Mission.

There are a large number of abhyasis at the above centre, but there is no preceptor there to look after the interests of the abhyasis. Rev. Master is not able to visit these centres due to his poor state of health, and also it is not possible to permit anyone for the work there.

Under these circumstances it has been decided that a preceptor of the Tirupati Centre may be entrusted with the work of the Madanapalli group, if willing. I confirm the discussions that we had this morning at Madras, and I am grateful to you for agreeing to go to Madanapalli on every second Saturday of each month and stay over for the next day, Sunday, and conduct satsangh there. It would be most helpful to the abhyasis if you could take up the work of individual sittings as far as possible. The abhyasis of the Madanapalli centre will be requested to bear your to-and-fro transportation expenses on such visits. Kindly let me have a report of your activities each month.

I am sure that the Madanapalli centre will now grow, by Master's grace.

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master
cc. Shri B.S.N. Sharma, Madanapalli

Shahjahanpur
18th May 1978

Shri C.A. Rajagopalachari
11/E, North Street,
Sriram Nagar
Madras - 600018

Dear brother,

Received your letter dated 10th May 1978. I feel that it is one of my duties to point out defects and weaknesses of the associates to them with the sole purpose of correcting him and rousing in him the awareness of corrective action on his own part. It was to this end that I had spoken to you, what I said while we met. I am sorry that it brought some severe reaction in you with the resultant contents of the above letter. I had told you to stay at home and look after the house work, with no other idea except that since you have become quite old and are sickly, you must also have some time for your rest etc. One sentence about telling your condition for the sake of your own improvement has resulted in such a reaction. That means that I am deprived of my right to even correct the associates and bring them to the right path.

Therefore, on giving serious thought to the whole matter and without casting any aspersions on your work, I do feel that in your old age and bad health, the work allotted to you was much. So in order to give you some relief, your resignation from the jobs of (i) Organiser for all the centres of Tamil Nadu and Nellore and Kavali centres of Andhra Pradesh and (ii) Preceptor-in-charge Overseas Centres is hereby accepted. You are requested to hand over complete charge of these two jobs to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary of the Mission, for the time being till alternative arrangements are made.

Regarding your work as a preceptor of the Mission at Madras, you may continue with it for the present and may give sittings to those who come to your place for this purpose. Here also for the sake of your health, I would request you not to work hard in this job as well. Shri Seshadri is already working at Madras centre.

With regard to your job of editor of the English section of the Magazine, you may please continue as such for the present till an alternative arrangement is made which will be done shortly.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra
President

No. 1484 **18th May 1978**

Dear Parthasarathi,

I am sending a copy of the above to you for perusal. You may please suggest to me, at the earliest, names of persons whom you consider fit to take up the responsibility of the jobs of:

1. Organiser for all centres of Tamil Nadu and Nellore and Kavali centres of Andhra Pradesh.
2. Preceptor-in-charge, Overseas Centres.
3. Editor 'English Section' of the *Sahaj Marg* Journal.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

22nd May 1978

Shri R. Seshadri
Madras

Dear and Respected Brother,

During the past two or three years the Mission has been endeavouring to prepare a comprehensive index of preceptors of the Mission all over the world, and specifically the preceptors in India. The Index is maintained in card form, and is necessary to prepare up-to-date lists of preceptors, etc. In order to complete the documentation in respect of you and sister Mrs. Jayalakshmi, I need the following details for both of you, and request you to kindly furnish the same at your earliest convenience.

1. Date of birth
2. Date of first sitting
3. Date of provisional permission
4. Date of full permission
5. Three passport-size photographs

I request your early compliance.

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

PS: Kindly also let me have your current address and phone number. Thanks.
cc. Revered Master

No. 1503

Shahjahanpur
23rd May 1978

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 18th May 1978. I enquired from Shri R.L. Mimani, who is here these days in the matter. Actually he had taken a copy of this cyclostyled book from Shri N.S. Rao who is working in the ashram here and he without any making any change in the said book got it cyclostyled and sold at Bangalore centre. From my enquiries from Shri. N.S. Rao, it was revealed that in the year 1976, your father, Bro. C.A. Rajagopalachari, took out some sayings from my book *Thus Speaks Ram Chandra* and got some sayings from the collections of Mr. K. Subramanyam, preceptor, Trichinapalli, and some sayings he added from his own collection. Thus he made out this pamphlet and gave it to Shri N.S. Rao for typing. Shri Rao typed it and one copy of the same was kept by him with the permission of your father. This was later cyclostyled. This is the history in short of this pamphlet. We should devise such means that the mistake is detected in the very beginning.

With regard to the sale of the photographs, etc., I will write to you shortly with detailed procedure which is to be followed in such matters.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Copy forwarded to Shri R.L. Mimani, c/o Spreadaroma (Pvt) Ltd P-15 New C.I.T. Road, India Exchange Place Extension, Calcutta - 700076, with the request to send a copy of the cyclostyled book which was sold at Bengal. The objectionable para as pointed out to you while here should immediately be taken off from the book. Further necessary action to remove this para from books sold to associates may be taken.

Ram Chandra

Madras
24th May 1978

Revered Master,

I have received copy of your letter No. 1484 dated 18th May addressed to Shri C.A. Rajagopalachari and note that you have been pleased to accept his resignation from the following posts:

1. Preceptor-in-Charge of Overseas Centres of the Mission.
2. Organiser for Mission centres in Tamil Nadu and for the two centres at Kavali and Nellore in Andhra Pradesh.

Coming to your note to me at the bottom of the letter, I have to express the following opinion for your consideration.

a) The post of Preceptor-in-Charge of Overseas Centres of the Mission was created immediately after Shri C.A. Rajagopalachari had established centres of the Mission at Rome in Italy, and Copenhagen in Denmark, and he was appointed to that post. Subsequently you visited Europe and USA in 1972, and thereafter the overseas organisation has been attended to by you direct, and the administrative and organisational aspects have been attended to by me under your instructions. Under the present circumstances I feel there is no need for a Preceptor-in-Charge of Overseas Centres, and I therefore recommend that this post be abolished.

b) Organiser for Tamil Nadu centres, and for Kavali and Nellore.

As far as Tamil Nadu centres are concerned I cannot think of anyone sufficiently interested in the Mission work to whom this responsibility can be given. I shall think over this and write to you later. As far as the centres of Andhra are concerned, I propose to tour the major centres later this year, and then I shall discuss my proposals with you. Till then no changes need be made. That is my recommendation.

c) Editor - English section:

For this I can think of the following brothers. My comments about each person are given for your decision.

Shri S.A. Sarnad - In my view the best available for this post. I do not know how far he will be free to take up this work.

Dr. A.B. Jajodia - Suitable, but his eye-sight is not good.

Dr. Chandrika Prasad - I think he will be good, though I do not know him personally well.

Shri Suresh Chandra - He is not a preceptor, but I do not think this need stand in the way, if you feel him otherwise suitable.

I can always take up the work of editor if you want to entrust it to me. I am quite free and I can also work quite fast in the English language. After all it involves a few hours work once in two months, and that will be no great strain for me. It is for you to decide.

I shall be grateful if you will kindly let me have your decision in respect of all the above points.

I now refer you to the brief talk you had with me at Madras on the 7th before you left for Delhi, regarding brother Shri R. Seshadri. I am very happy that he has come back to your feet, as I was sure he would. At the same time I am worried that this should not create problems of discipline here. Even during the lifetime of late Shri Vira Raghavan some separatist tendencies were becoming noticeable, and many persons who went to him for sittings never cared to attend the Sunday group satsangh. I do not know how far he (Shri Vira Raghavan) tried to guide them in the correct way. Also his own views served to separate abhyasis into some sort of loose groups. I have heard that he was sufficiently influenced by some abhyasis here to be made to go to Tirukoilur and attend some *bhajans* etc. programme there conducted by Swami Haridas for *Guru Poornima* day! It is no wonder that Swami Haridas was one of the first visitors to call at his house immediately after his demise. I was there when he came, and some of the abhyasis were also addressing Swami Haridas as "Guruji". Now that Shri Seshadri has come back and started work as a preceptor, I feel that certain things are very essential if Mission discipline is to be maintained, and if the centre here is not to be split up into groups. These are:

1. Shri Seshadri should attend Sunday group satsangh without fail. He has not done so even once yet. If he has any serious objection to attending it because it is held in my house, then I have no objection to the satsangh being held elsewhere. His attendance is essential to prove that he is a sincere member of the Mission interested in the TOTAL welfare of the Mission. Please consider this as a serious matter.
2. Equally important is the matter of wearing a badge. I trust you will prevail upon him in this matter. I know that the late Shri Vira Raghavan did not insist on this, and so there were abhyasis always grumbling that it was only in my house that all these things were insisted upon. Naturally, my reputation (or notoriety) for strictness has always been quite strong.

I had made one or two other suggestions also, through Shri M.D. Jahagirdar, which also you may consider, but since he has already started work as a preceptor it is now perhaps too late for it. I have only the interest of the Mission when I write all these things to you and, since I am quite concerned, I pray that you may give serious consideration to the points I have raised. Anything that Shri Seshadri may say or do will have special appeal to the abhyasis, and also influence their own behaviour in very definite and strong ways. Everybody knows that he had rejected your teaching and the Sahaj Marg method, and had also finally renounced your leadership of his spiritual life. If he is now allowed to be lax and free in the matters where others have to be disciplined, then it will have very definite adverse effects on discipline. I quite agree that we have to show love and affection to Shri Seshadri and welcome him back into the Mission in such a manner as to make him feel that he is wanted by all. But it should not be at the cost of Mission welfare and unity among the abhyasis. This is my only concern.

Anyway, I have written to you all my fears in this matter. I have always had, and still have, a high regard for Brother Shri Seshadri. You told me that he was attracted to the other organisation by the good discipline that he found there. In that case he himself should be the first person to fall in line with our codes of conduct, etc. I hope that you will consider this matter in the light of all possible implications, and decide accordingly.

I have resumed attending office since Monday 22nd. I shall be going to Madurai on 27th for a week or two. My father will however remain in Madras. I hope to have a reply from you soon.

With pranams and affection,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
25th May 1978

Revered Master,

I have just received your kind and affectionate letter No. 1503 dated 23rd May.

1. Re: cyclostyled book sold by Calcutta centre. I have noted the contents of your letter on this subject. The information given by Shri N.S. Rao is incorrect, as I have the typed slips made out by him which I am correcting and editing for the next issue of *Thus Speaks*. The paragraph referred by me does not exist in the material with me. Further, my father does not remember permitting Shri N.S. Rao to retain a copy of the

typed material. Further, even if Shri N.S. Rao had a copy, the question arises as to who authorised the cyclostyled publication from which Calcutta centre now claims to have duplicated and sold. This all needs looking into.

If all matter for sale is referred to you or to anyone else you may nominate for the purpose, proper editing would be possible and such things can be prevented from happening. Even for reprinting existing material, H.O. or Secretary's permission in writing should be made necessary. This is my suggestion.

2. Copy of your letter No. 1506 addressed to Dr. V.S.R. Murthy. I am in receipt of the above. It is not clear whether the Mission is publishing the book, or whether it is a publication of the Sahaj Marg Research Institute. If it is the latter, then please examine how the Mission can make available the funds necessary for the publication. I think the best way would be for Madras centre to transfer Rs. 10,000/- to the Tirupati centre of the Mission. The Tirupati centre can make an **advance** of this amount to the Sahaj Marg Research Institute. After the books are published and sold, the Research Institute can return the amount to the Tirupati centre, which will in turn transfer back the amount to the Madras centre.

If, however, the publication is to be by the Mission, then please consider whether the work cannot be entrusted direct to the Madras centre as usual. Accounting problems will all be avoided. Also the standard of books published in the past at Tirupati have been quite low, and printing at Madras will certainly give a better book as far as material values are concerned. Please consider and advise me as to how you wish the matter to be dealt with.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

25th May 1978

Shri Raghavendra Rao
Gulbarga

Dear brother,

Yesterday our brothers, Shri M.D. Jahagirdar, B.K. Rajagopal, B.G. Janardhan, Kumar and Venugopal Gupta, had come here with provisional accounts for the recent Utsav. The accounts reveal a surplus of Rs. 2.4 lakhs. They stated that a further amount of Rs. 15,000/- is due on advertisement account for the Souvenir so that the surplus would be Rs. 2.55 lakhs, apart from which they anticipate some more receipts from centres not yet transferred. Optimistically I anticipate a total surplus of Rs. 2.75 to 2.80 lakhs.

Since this amount is now available, I have authorised Bangalore Centre to go ahead with the construction of the Mission Ashram building and enclose herewith a copy of letter of the 24th May addressed to Shri Jahagirdar in this connection. I have made it clear to our brothers yesterday that the completion of the ashram will now have to be expeditiously done and any additional funds required will have to be found by Bangalore Centre as no central assistance can be extended. This is for your kind information.

With regards,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master - for information.

No. 1580

Shahjahanpur
7th June 1978

Mrs. Grace Kimball
Lakewood, Ohio, USA

Dear Sister,

Reference your letter dated 27th April 1978. I made you a preceptor of the Mission for the help of the people. You were also trying to serve them but now we feel as you say, that they have now realised your importance. Now they are coming to it. So you may now resume the work as a Preceptor of the Mission for their good. I hope that the difficulty like that of past will not occur. Our method itself heals the mental breakdown.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Copy with a copy of the letter referred to above forwarded to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras, for information.

Ram Chandra

7th June 1978

Revered Master,

I am sure you must have received my father's letter of the 29th May attaching copies of his correspondence to Dr. Hanns Gangloff of Munich.

I feel that you should write a letter to Dr. Gangloff giving your advices and outlining the position in Germany clearly so that there is no confusion about who is in charge of our work in Germany. The problem seems to be that the other preceptors, particularly the three new ones, seem to have some sort of antagonism towards him—this he expressed to me in one of his earlier letters. I think we should insist that when there are so many preceptors they should be physically present at sittings and not indulge in *in-absentia* transmission. A letter from you clearly outlining the duties and responsibilities and the guidance that he has to give specifically to the preceptors working with him will, I think, satisfactorily settle the matter.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 1593 **Shahjahanpur**
8th June 1978

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter. Really there is no necessity of Preceptor-in-Charge of Overseas Centres. Hence the post is abolished.

There are few districts in south India having dis-interested abhyasis who like to enjoy the fame.

You can visit the centres requiring our attention.

I wish that you may work as an editor of English section of *Sahaj Marg Patrika*. For the rest of the appointment I will think some time after.

Please send the English articles soon after editing, for May issue which were given to Shri C.A. Rajagopalachari for editing.

Brother R. Seshadri was here for a day. He agreed with the proposal that he will attend the weekly satsangh at your place with other satsanghis and he will give individual sittings at his house.

I wish that for some time making of preceptors should be stopped. If there is a genuine need, the man with your recommendations should be sent to me.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
12th June 1978

My Beloved Master,

I have received the copies of your letter and I am happy to note that Mrs. Grace Kimball will be working as a preceptor again in USA.

Brother Shri A.H. Krishna came to see me from Bangalore yesterday. He has suggested a way of getting "Blanket Exemption" from income tax for the Mission. I shall discuss this with a person in Trichy who has promised to assist us and write in detail to you after I have met him.

Ever since you left Madras I am feeling lost and depressed. I feel rejected by all and the unjust criticism and complaints against me has upset me. I feel that not only am I rejected by human beings, but that I am rejected by my Master, who is my only God. If I should lose your confidence I will be nowhere. I do not care for the appreciation of others, but your confidence in me is vital if I have to have peace of mind and work capably for the Mission under your instructions and guidance. I am bewildered as to what I should do and pray for your loving guidance.

My father has not been well—swelling of the feet, backache, etc. He has had a complete medical check-up and I pray for your blessings on him. My wife too is nowadays feeling unwell. All is in confusion and turmoil in my mind. Please help me and guide me.

We are all happy to hear that you are now maintaining normal health.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
13th June 1978

Beloved Master,

Yesterday I posted a letter, and when I reached home from the office I received your letter No. 1593 of 8th June 1978.

1. I shall visit as many centres as possible and take up organisational work as instructed by you.
2. Since you wish me to work as Editor of the *Patrika*, an official order may kindly be issued.
3. For May issue, my father has posted the material two days back. For subsequent issues I shall take up editing work.
4. I have noted your instructions regarding making of new preceptors, and shall not take up this work unless instructed by you. You wrote to me three years ago, "You may make preceptors of your choice anywhere you like," (or something like that) and so I took it up for the benefit of abhyasis. There are many places with sixty abhyasis or more and we have to think of suitable persons for those places.
5. I am happy to note that brother Shri R. Seshadri was with you for one day. I heard that he attended satsangh at Bangalore last Sunday (11th June 1978).
6. I think an announcement should be made in the May issue of *Patrika* regarding change of editor. Please consider this.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

ORDER

Consequent on the resignation of Dr. C.A. Rajagopalachari, from the office of Editor of English Section of *Sahaj Marg Patrika*, Shri Parthasarathi Rajagopalachari is hereby appointed as Editor of English Section of *Sahaj Marg Patrika* with immediate effect.

Shahjahanpur
Dated June 16th, 1978

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Shahjahanpur, U.P. India

No. 1633 **16th June 1978**

Copy forwarded to Shri Parthasarathi Rajagopalachari, "Gayathri", 11/E, North Street, Sriram Nagar, Madras 600 018, for information and necessary action.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Shahjahanpur, U.P. India

Madras
22nd June 1978

H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Mohalla Diwan Jograj
Carewgunj
Shahjahanpur - 242 001

Revered Master,

I am in receipt of your order dated 16th June 1978 appointing me as Editor of the English section of the *Sahaj Marg Patrika* with immediate effect.

Thanking you,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

26th June 1978

Revered Master,

Through the good offices of Shri A.H. Krishna, I met his cousin brother, Shri S. Subramaniam, B.A., B.Com., A.C.A., Branch Manager of Vijaya Bank Ltd., at Tiruchirapalli, on Sunday the 18th of June. Mr. Subramaniam in turn had invited his auditor friend, Shri G. Santhanam, to his house and I had a long discussion with Shri G. Santhanam on the possibility of getting for our Mission, blanket exemption from income tax under Sec. 10 23C V.

I understand several organisations have already applied for and got such blanket exemption from income tax and the following were mentioned by Shri G. Santhanam as relevant in this connection:-.

1. Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam
2. Sringeri Saradha Peetam
3. Kanchi Kamakoti Madam
4. Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church

Shri Santhanam told me that after studying the cases of the first three mentioned above, he himself had represented to the Government of India and successfully got blanket income tax exemption for Item No. 4 above viz., the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church, a Christian organisation. Based on his success in this case, Shri Santhanam has now been approached by the Madhya Pradesh Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Bihar Evangelical Lutheran Church for his assistance in getting similar blanket exemption. Shri Santhanam clarified that in some cases blanket exemptions have been granted by the Government of India with retrospective effect for several years.

Shri Santhanam expressed his eagerness to assist an organisation like ours in similarly securing blanket exemption and hoped that you would entrust the matter to him immediately. He feels that once he has studied our accounts and our past taxation orders passed by the assessing income tax officer and after having discussed this matter in detail with brother Krishna and you at Shahjahanpur, he would be in a position to file the relevant papers representing our appeal to Government for such blanket exemption from income tax. Once we secure this by notification by the Government of India under Section 10 23C V of the Income Tax Act 1961, I understand thereafter it won't be necessary for us to file the income tax returns to the authorities.

I questioned Shri Santhanam about our publication activities which are interpreted as activities of profit by our ITO. Shri Santhanam told me that the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church apart from its religious and charitable activities also manages a big footwear business where shoes are manufactured totally for export and therefore the organisation involving in an activity of profit would not adversely affect the case, provided we are able to substantiate that the income accruing to the Mission is applied for the purpose specified in this relevant clause of the Income Tax Act set out above.

I attach herewith one copy of the Income Tax Act extracting Section 10 for this purpose and I also attach two articles which I have got typed out from *Taxation* issues of May 1976 and September 1976 which are relevant in this connection.

I discussed with Shri Santhanam the question of his remuneration for these services. Shri Santhanam was eager that you should appreciate his keenness in helping a Hindu religious/charitable organisation, and **therefore stated firmly that he was not working for any remuneration and will not accept any. He would however like to be reimbursed for such travelling expenses as he may incur in person in presenting our case to the Government as also in visiting Shahjahanpur to study our papers.**

If we entrust this case to Shri G. Santhanam, he would need the following immediately for a preliminary study at Tiruchirapalli itself before visiting Shahjahanpur:

a. Our consolidated final accounts for the financial years ended 30th September, 1975, 1976 and 1977.
b. Copy of our Constitution and Bye-laws of the Mission.
c. Income-tax assessment orders for the last three years available with us.
d. Copies of income tax returns submitted to the ITO for the last three years.

I am sure that after studying this letter you will agree that this matter should be entrusted to Shri G. Santhanam. He is eager only to have your blessings both personally and for the success of his appeal to Government for blanket exemption permission. If you agree to this, I propose to request Shri G. Santhanam to accompany Shri A.H. Krishna to Shahjahanpur in the middle of August so that he can have personal discussions with you and also look into accounts and other matters assisted by Shri Krishna suitably. I therefore await your immediate reply to this proposal. I shall arrange for the travel of Shri Santhanam and arrange to pay the expenses out of Mission funds available at Madras. Kindly let me have your reply at the earliest.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Shri A.H. Krishna also at Bangalore so that he is kept informed.

I am also attaching a duplicate copy of this letter with enclosures in case you wish to forward the same to our auditor brother S.C. Kishore.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Enclosure: as above

Madras
4th July 1978

Rev. Master,

I am attaching herewith a photograph of one Brian Jones residing at No. 3386, West 33rd street, Cleveland, Ohio 44109 (USA). He was recommended for preceptorship during Basant Panchami when our preceptors from the United States had come and you had entrusted his work to me. Subsequently, since Mrs. Grace Kimball has started working as a preceptor again, I was in doubt whether this work should be undertaken because Cleveland is a big town near Ohio where Mrs. Grace Kimball is the preceptor. I do not know whether a second preceptor is necessary in that area. Please consider and let me know what to do.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
4th July 1978

Madame Paule Gabit
Marseille, France

Dear Madame Paule,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th June and I am happy to note that you are practising meditation with brother Andre Poray at Marseilles. I note you are coming to India in August and that you would like to visit our Master, Shri Ram Chandraji, at Shahjahanpur sometime by the 14th of August. I am sending a copy of this letter to Master and requesting him to write to you direct about his convenience to receive you. Offhand I would say it should not be difficult, but kindly await his letter confirming your programme. I would be too delighted to meet you at Madras at my residence. My telephone number is 445316 and I hope you will call when you arrive.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master - Please write direct to the above person at the address given.

Madras
12th July 1978

Revered Master,

I am sending herewith my report of visits to other centres other than Madras during the year 1976 and 1977 for your perusal and records.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
12th July 1978

Revered Master,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter ref. 1727 dated 8th July instructing me to dispatch some books from Madras stocks to headquarters at an early date. We have on hand only

31 copies *Autobiography*
103 copies *Efficacy of Raja Yoga*
49 copies *India in the West*.

I will therefore be sending:

100 copies *Truth Eternal*
100 copies *Voice Real* Vol I
100 copies *My Master*
50 or 60 copies *Efficacy of Raja Yoga*
30 copies *India in the West*
25 copies *Autobiography*

You will notice that after this dispatch we will have very few stocks of *Autobiography* and *Efficacy of Raja Yoga*. I think these two publications should be reprinted and if you agree I can take up the job next month. As far as *India in the West* is concerned, I don't think a second edition is indicated as it is a book of topical interest.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari
Madras Centre

Madras
28th July 1978

Revered Master,

Ahmedabad centre has approached for permission to open an account with Allahabad Bank at Ahmedabad. If you approve of this, a resolution by the Working Committee can be formally adopted and a true copy certified by you forwarded to Ahmedabad to enable them to complete all formalities. The account operation will be by any two of the three persons mentioned hereunder:

1. Smt. Draupadi Devi Agarwal
2. Shri C. Rajagopalan
3. Shri Atmaram D. Sarode

I am sending the specimen signature card sent by them for your counter signature under official Mission stamp.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
31st July 1978

Revered Master,

Brother K.V. Reddy of Malayasia has suggested a tentative programme for Nepal. Both he and I feel that departure from Delhi to Kathmandu and return from Kathmandu to Delhi is much better than going via Banares. The following programme has been prepared accordingly:

23rd October	Night - Departure Shahjahanpur
24th October	Morning - Arrive at Delhi
25th October	Arrival in Kathmandu
	Rest
	6 P.M. Satsangh with abhyasis
26th October	Visits to places of interest (morning)
	Satsangh with abhyasis
	Afternoon visit to Bhaktapur (10 km. from Kathmandu)

	Talk on Sahaj Marg
27th October	Leave for Janakpur (30 minutes flight from Kathmandu) and rest during the day 7 P.M. Satsangh with abhyasis
28th October	Morning Satsangh Visit to places of interest at Janakpur Afternoon meeting with interested (important) persons Evening talk on Sahaj Marg
29th October	Leave for Birgunj by car (100 km from Janakpur) Rest after arrival in Birgunj
30th October	Morning Satsangh Meetings with interested persons Evening talk on Sahaj Marg Satsangh
31st October	Morning Satsangh Leave for Kathmandu (30 minutes by plane) Rest after arrival in Kathmandu Evening Satsangh
1st November	Morning group meditation Meetings with interested persons Evening Satsangh
2nd November	Arrive Delhi
3rd November	Leave for Shahjahanpur

If you kindly intimate your approval we may go ahead with the plans.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

cc. Mr. K.V. Reddy - we shall await approval from Master.

No. 2013

Shajahanpur
14th August 1978

Dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 4th July 1978. Since Mrs. Grace Kimball has started working again, I do not think it necessary for the present to appoint any other person to work as preceptor there.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

TELEGRAM **22nd August 1978**

To: Parthasarathi

NEPAL VISIT NOT POSSIBLE INFORM REDDY

RAM CHANDRA

Madras
23rd October 1978

Revered Master,

I understand that Shri Radha Raman Saxena is now signing as Accountant. I attach herewith a copy of Shri A.H. Krishna's letter No. 120 dated 13th October 1978 addressed to me in this connection for your kind attention.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Enclosure: as above

No. 120 **Shahjahanpur**
13th October 1978

To Shri P. Rajagopalachari
Madras

Dear brother,

Dr. Parthasarathy of Vijayawada, during his recent visit, introduced me to his friend as Ex. Accountant and said that Shri R.R.L. Saxena is the present Accountant. I told him that I continue to work as before. He clarified that he had received a printed card from headquarters in which the change was shown.

I am not keen on calling myself an Accountant of the Mission, but misleading ideas need immediate rectification. I suggested to Shri Radha Raman that he may sign 'For' Accountant. The answer given was that the Chartered Accountant had introduced the printed card to be used as such.

My humble feeling is that the order of appointment issued by the President should not get nullified by any change indicated in a printed card, notwithstanding any idea behind it.

I do not like to trouble our Master about this. I would therefore request that you may kindly arrange to take corrective steps at your level.

With best wishes,

Yours,
A.H. Krishna
Accountant

Enclosure: one sample card
cc. Shri S.C. Kishore, Delhi with a sample card for ready reference.

Madras
28th October 1978

Revered Master,

I have received from Dr. Hanns Gangloff a letter dated October 23, 1978 stating that the Ṣhri Ram Chandra Mission has been entered into the German Register of Associations in Munich on September 6, 1978 under Number 9370. A copy of his letter to me together with the German translation of the statutes governing the registration in Germany are enclosed herewith for your information and Head Office files.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 363 **Shahjahanpur**
13th November 1978

My dear Parthasarathi,

Basant Panchami Utsav is fast approaching and we are preparing ourselves for the task ahead. All will go well.

We are getting ten bags of good quality rice (old). Coupons for lunch and dinner will be got printed here well in time.

I am not in favour of any poster being exhibited here for the Utsav. You may please see that the litho prints are not arranged this year onwards.

Mr. Narain Sahai is here on a short visit. As desired by you, he has made arrangements for three persons who will make chapatis during Basant Utsav from 29th January 1979 to 2nd February 1979.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

By Registered Post

No. 376 **Shahjahanpur**
20th November 1978

My dear Parthasarathi,

I am enclosing two application forms for visa for South Africa, received from Shri Rasik Lal for completion by you. Shri Khooshalbhai wrote you a letter on 30th October 1978 regarding our visit to South Africa. But I have not heard anything in this regard from you. I have already sent attested copies of photos (mine and Gunde Rao's) to Shri Khooshalbhai to Surat on 8th November 1978. I am keeping four forms here (for me and Shri Gunde Rao) for completion after the passport of Shri Gunde Rao is obtained.

The purpose of visit is not to be filled in by you as it will be decided by our host in South Africa.

I am awaiting your reply. In my passport, South Africa is not entered in the list of countries. However, all Commonwealth countries are mentioned there. Please confirm if it will suffice or the entry is to be requested for.

The tentative date of visit to South Africa is 5th May 1979. Will this date suit you? Inform me immediately.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Enclosure: Set of two forms.

Madras
27th November 1978

Revered Master,

I am in receipt of your letter ref. 376 of the 20th November sent by registered post regarding your proposal to visit South Africa. Please bear in mind that our passports as issued to us are specifically mentioned, "not valid for South Africa". Under the circumstances, I have had enquiries made with our travel agents here, who have clarified that the following procedure has to be complied:

1. Shri Khooshalbhai Patel as the head of the South African Shri Ram Chandra Mission centre must contact the Secretary for Interior, Visa Section, Private Bag X 114, Pretoria, South Africa, (Telegraphic Address - INTERIOR) for issue of visas to those travelling from here.
2. It is understood that the visas permitting entry into South Africa will only be given on arrival in that country.
3. While the visa application is being processed by the South African government, Shri Ram Chandra Mission South

African Preceptor-in-Charge, Shri Khooshalbhai Patel, must send invitation letters to us inviting you and your companions to visit South Africa at his cost and under his sponsorship. The letter of invitation must specify that all expenses will be made by them including travel expenses from India to South Africa and back to India.

4. The invitation letters should be addressed to you by name as President of the Mission in India offering also to accommodate two companions in consideration of your advanced age and the need for personal assistance to you, both in Mission work and in your personal capacity.

These letters preferably in triplicate should be sent to me to Madras and will be processed by the travel agents here to get the passports endorsed for validity in South Africa.

All these will take four to five months according to our travel agents. Please therefore immediately apply for brother Gunde Rao's passport to Lucknow and as soon as it is received, please send both his passport and your passport to me by registered post or through someone coming here for further processing. Please check the validity of your passport before sending it because if extension is necessary, it has to be done in Lucknow. Both you and brother Gunde Rao should see that the health forms are completed and since travel is being undertaken to South Africa the following is necessary:

a. Yellow Fever
b. Small Pox
c. Cholera

The yellow fever certificate is normally valid for ten years, small pox for three years and cholera for six months. When all these are completed (as expeditiously as possible) you may send me the whole lot for processing.

I have also since received your letter of November 13th under Ref. 363. I am sending a copy of this letter to Shri Khooshalbhai Patel to South Africa so that he may follow the procedure by sending me the invitation letters etc., immediately. He has already sent me two visa application forms which I am filling up and sending along with copy of this letter to Shri Khooshalbhai Patel.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately
Parthasarathi

Copy to Shri Khooshalbhai Patel, Lenasia.

No. 453 **Shahjahanpur**
2nd December 1978

My dear Parthasarathi,

I am happy to note that Krishna is coming to Shahjahanpur. I am going to Allahabad on 12th December 1978 and will drop at Lucknow for medical check-up on my return journey for a day or two.

I shall be here on 17th December 1978.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
8th December 1978

Revered Master,

I have been speaking to our abhyasi brothers who are civil engineers and architects about the need for a master plan for our headquarters ashram at Shahjahanpur. Preceptor brother Madhubhai Amin of Baroda has kindly undertaken to do this work. I am therefore authorising him to proceed on this as expeditiously as possible since it is very necessary for planned growth of the ashram and to prevent haphazard construction. I trust this has your approval. I am endorsing a copy of this letter to brother Amin.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Copy to Shri Madhu T. Amin, Baroda.

Madras
9th December 1978

Revered Master,

The following are for your information:

1. Chi. Umesh has started shifting to his new house yesterday. We had puja and offered *prasad* yesterday evening and with your blessings all will be well.
2. Chi. Krishna will come there on the 17th morning. He has appeared for three admission tests for American universities and results have been received for two of them and he has come up very high in both of the tests, I believe, within the first ten percent assessed on an international basis. The result of the third test is awaited. Since he is planning to go to the States next August after he completes his B. Tech. course, I would be grateful if you could advise him suitably.
3. I am leaving tonight for Yerraguntala and will be visiting Mission centres at Yerraguntala, Proddatur, Tadpatri and Anantapur etc., for three days and returning to Madras on Wednesday the 14th morning.

We were concerned to hear that your health suddenly took a bad turn after a serious attack of dysentery some ten days back. Since you are planning to go to Allahabad on the 12th, I trust your health is better.

All are well at home by your grace.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
20th December 1978

Revered Babuji Maharaj,

I have just received a letter from my son Chi. Krishna saying that he has arrived safely and that you have asked him to stay with you in your house. I am sure he will benefit immensely by his presence with you and your advice to him. It seems you have asked him when I am coming to Shahjahanpur for Basant. Actually I was wondering whether I should come because I can save the leave of ten days if I do not attend the Utsav. I think particularly since the Utsav Committee has been formed, they will be able to take care of the Utsav work and my presence may not be necessary. But I understand from Chi. Krishna's letter that my presence is needed by you. I shall arrange to come as soon as possible, at least three days before the Utsav i.e. by Monday 28th January. Please confirm that this will be all right.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
27th December 1978

Revered Master,

An envelope addressed to me contains a letter for you from Sister Leyla Biltsted of Canada, which I am forwarding to you. I think she has been under the impression that you are in Madras and hence the letter has come to me.

I had gone to Bangalore on Friday the 22nd specially to see respected brother Raghavendra Rao who has been hospitalised for nearly ten days. I found him well when I arrived on 22nd evening and during my three days stay there at Bangalore, I met him every day. He was discharged on Sunday the 24th morning and is quite fit now after the operation for perforated ulcer. I understand he is to have a second operation after six weeks from now. He is quite cheerful and intends undergoing the second operation after attending the Basant Panchami at Shahjahanpur. During my visit to him I was also able to have heart to heart talks on many Mission problems and the visit was therefore very useful.

The ashram construction is going on well but I do not think it will be completed before the end of May 1979.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Enclosure: as above.

No. 652 **Shahjahanpur**
29th December 1978

To: Shri P. Rajagopalachari

Dear brother,

Received your letter dated 8th December 1978. Yes, I approve your proposal about the need of a master plan for our headquarters ashram at Shahjahanpur and entrusting this work to Shri Madhubhai Amin of Baroda.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

No. 658 **Shahjahanpur**
30th December 1978

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 20th December 1978.

You will be in need of leave for South Africa tour, where your presence with me is very much wanted.

The formation of Celebration Committee has been done with the purpose to lessen your burden of work and save your time. The preparations for Utsav are ahead and on your arrival on 28th January 1979 you will be able to give finishing touches to the various aspects connected with the Utsav. Your presence during the Utsav is a Must—so you may come on 28th January 1979 as proposed. So you make it a point to be here.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
30th December 1978

Revered Master,

I am attaching herewith my report on visits to various centres of the Mission during the calendar year 1978. Details of the nineteen centres visited are in diary form and I would request you to let me have your comments, if any.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Enclosure: as above

Mission Centres Visited by P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, During 1978

1. Ahmedabad
2. Anantapur
3. Bangalore
4. Baroda
5. Bombay
6. Channapatna
7. Coimbatore
8. Delhi
9. Ernakulam
10. Madurai
11. Mysore
12. Nellore
13. Proddatur
14. Rajapalayam
15. Tadpatri
16. Thanjavur
17. Tiruchirapalli
18. Virudhunagar
19. Yerraguntala

P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

Report On Visit to Centres of Mission During 1978

JANUARY

Thursday 19th January 1978

Madurai: Group satsangh in my residence 7 P.M. - 7:40 P.M. Good sitting. About 25 abhyasis present. Spoke to them for one hour after satsangh.

Friday 20th January 1978

Madurai: Group satsangh in Shri Palanichami's residence at Tallakulam from 7:15 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. About 25 present. Many abhyasis reported feeling powerful vibrations and slight pressure in heart area. Spoke on 'Prayers' for forty minutes after satsangh.

Saturday 28th January 1978

Bangalore: Group satsangh at ashram 7:15 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Thirty abhyasis were present.

Sunday 29th January 1978

Bangalore: Morning group satsangh at ashram 8:15 to 9:00 A.M. Grand sitting. After that I was busy with preparations for Master's birthday celebrations on 30th April.

6:30 to 7:00 P.M. Sitting for three abhyasis. Mr. S.K. Sundaram, Mrs. Saroja Sundaram and Mr. Murugesan.

Monday 30th January 1978

Channapatna: 5 P.M. to 5:40 P.M. Group satsangh. Twelve abhyasis from Kollegal were also present.

Tuesday 31st January 1978

Bangalore: 8 A.M. to 8:40 A.M. Gave sitting to Shri C.R. Narsimha Murthy, Shri T.V. Kamalesh Kumar, Shri

Virupakshi Devar, Shri T. Srikantaiah, Mr. S.K. Sundaram, Mrs. Sundaram and Shri Murugesan.

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 7th February 1978

Delhi: Took evening satsangh 8 P.M. at the Community Hall where we are staying en route Shahjahanpur.

Wednesday 8th February 1978

Delhi: 7 A.M. Took morning group satsangh for one hour. Over 70 abhyasis present. Grand, deep, solemn sitting. After the satsangh Shri V.S. Ramachandra Murthy of Delhi married Sow. Gita, daughter of Shri S. Dasarathan of Trichy, at a simple ceremony.

Thursday 9th February 1978
to Wednesday 15th February 1978

Shahjahanpur: Basant Panchami celebrations, Working Committee meeting, etc.

Thursday 16th February 1978

Delhi: 9:30 A.M. Satsangh with a small group of abhyasis. Shri V.G. Joshi, Shri R. Krishnaswamy, William Waycott, Diana Waycott, present.

MARCH

Thursday 9th March 1978

Madurai: 7 P.M. to 7:40 P.M. Group satsangh in my residence. Well attended.

Friday 10th March 1978

Madurai: 7 A.M. Individual sitting to André Rombout of Holland who has accompanied me to Madurai.

7 P.M. Group satsangh at Tallakulam in Shri Palanichami's residence. Very good sitting. More than 30 abhyasis present.

Saturday 11th March 1978

Madurai: 6:30 A.M. to 7:05 A.M. Individual sitting to Shri S. Sundararajan.

5 P.M. to 5:40 P.M. Group sitting for 15 abhyasis including Shri V.S. Narsimhan of Ambasamudram. Very deep transmission. Signs of intoxication.

Thursday 23rd March 1978

Bangalore: This is my second visit in connection with the ensuing birthday celebrations of Rev. Master at Bangalore.

7 P.M. Conducted group satsangh at the ashram. About 30 abhyasis present. Then sat till 9 P.M. with local abhyasis reviewing the celebrations work and preparations.

Friday 24th March 1978

Bangalore: Whole morning on celebrations preparations.

7 P.M. Group satsangh for 45 minutes at my brother's residence in Indra Nagar. Present Dr. Jyoti of USA, Shri R. Rajagopalachari, Mrs. Indra, Shri S.K. Sundaram, Mrs. Saroja Sundaram, Shri S.K. Mohan and Shri Murugesan. Dr. Jyoti reported intoxicated feeling.

8:00 P.M. First sitting to Shri R. Sudarshan, my brother's son.

Saturday 25th March 1978

Bangalore: Whole day on Bangalore celebrations work.

4 P.M. Second sitting for Shri R. Sudarshan.

5 P.M. Individual sitting for Dr. Jyoti Rao of USA.

7 P.M. Group satsangh at ashram. Transmitted 45 minutes. Very deep.

Sunday 26th March 1978

Bangalore: 8:15 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Group satsangh at ashram.

9 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Utsav work discussion.

Monday 27th March 1978

Bangalore: Attended wedding of Shri Venugopal Gupta's son at Vasavi Dharamshala.

APRIL

Friday 14th April 1978

Bangalore: My third visit to Bangalore in connection with celebrations. 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. Meeting re: Babuji Maharaj's birthday celebrations.

Saturday 14th April 1978

Bangalore: 7 P.M. to 7:40 P.M. Took evening group satsangh at ashram. Over 50 abhyasis present. The general opinion was that the first ten minutes and the last fifteen minutes were very deep and tranquil.

Sunday 15th April 1978

Bangalore: 8:15 A.M. to 8:50 A.M. Took morning group satsangh at ashram. More than 50 abhyasis present. Very good sitting. Then one hour meeting re: birthday celebrations.

Thursday 27th April 1978

Bangalore: Received Master at airport as he arrived from Delhi by air, accompanied by Shri K. Vivekananthan, preceptor of Kelang, Malaysia and his wife Mrs. Kamala.

Friday 28th April 1978

Bangalore: Whole day on meetings and supervising the celebrations arrangements.

Saturday 29th April 1978

Bangalore: Celebrations work.

Sunday 30th April 1978

Bangalore: Babuji's 80th birthday. Celebrated with great joy and solemnity. Total attendance estimated at 2500.

MAY

Monday 1st May 1978

Bangalore: Babuji's birthday celebrations concluded. Left for Madras by car at 11:30 A.M. arriving Madras at 5:30 P.M.

Friday 26th May 1978

Madurai: 7 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Took group satsangh in Tallakulam at Shri Palanichami's residence. Twenty abhyasis present.

Sunday 28th May 1978

Madurai: 7:30 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. Took group satsangh at Madurai centre. Nearly 70 abhyasis present. Grand sitting. 6:30 P.M. Group satsangh for 8 abhyasis.

Tuesday 30th May 1978

Rajapalayam: 5:30 P.M. to 6:15 P.M. Group satsangh. About 10 abhyasis present.

JUNE

Thursday 1st June 1978

Madurai: 6:30 P.M. Group satsangh. About 20 abhyasis present.

Friday 2nd June 1978

Thanjavur: 3 P.M. Individual sitting to Shri B.M. Sundaram.

7 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Group satsangh. Nine abhyasis present.

8 P.M. First sitting to Miss S. Balachandra, eldest daughter of Shri B.M. Sundaram.

Saturday 3rd June 1978

Thanjavur: From 6:30 A.M. individual sittings for Mr. Asokan, Mrs. Asokan, Shri Ganesh Iyer, Shri B.M. Sundaram, Shri Sivaramakrishnan, Mrs. Leela Sundaram, Mr.

Muthuswamy, Mrs. Muthuswamy, Mr. Rangarajan, an abhyasi of Mannargudi, and 2nd sitting to Miss Balachandra.

Trichy: 7 P.M. to 7:40 P.M. Group satsangh for 9 abhyasis.

Sunday 4th June 1978

Trichy: 7:30 A.M. to 8:10 A.M. Took group satsangh at the centre. About 25 abhyasis present.

Saturday 17th June 1978

Trichy: 6 P.M. Group satsangh for 5 persons.

Sunday 18th June 1978

Trichy: 7:30 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. Group satsangh at centre.

3:30 P.M. Individual sitting for Shri K. Mahalingam, Shri S. Dasarathan, Shri S. Sadasivam of Vriddachalam and Shri B. Ramachandran of Virudhunagar.

Monday 19th June 1978

Madurai: 8 A.M. Individual sitting for Shri S. Sadasivam of Vriddachalam.

Tuesday 20th June 1978

Madurai: 7 P.M. to 8 P.M. Group satsangh at my residence. Twenty-six abhyasis present. Discussion on "Negation"!

Wednesday 21st June 1978

Madurai: 7 A.M. Individual sitting to Shri Gopal.

4 P.M. Individual sitting to Shri M. Palaniappan.

JULY

Saturday 8th July 1978

Nellore: 7 P.M. to 7:55 P.M. Group satsangh. About 52 abhyasis present.

Sunday 9th July 1978

Nellore: 9 A.M. to 9:35 A.M. Group satsangh. Fantastic sitting. Total present 91 including Kavali preceptor Shri D.S.K. Subramanya Sastri and 3 Kavali abhyasis. Speeches till 12:30.

Wednesday 19th July 1978

Madurai: 7 P.M. to 7:50 P.M. Group satsangh at Madurai centre. Forty abhyasis present. Intoxicated condition felt.

Thursday 20th July 1978

Madurai: 7 A.M. Individual sitting to Shri N. Sundararajan.

7 P.M. to 7:50 P.M. Group satsangh at my residence. Nearly 35 abhyasis were present. Good sitting. Spoke till 9 P.M.

Friday 21st July 1978

Madurai: 7 P.M. to 7:45 P.M. Group satsangh at Tallakulam in Shri Palanichami's residence. More than 40 abhyasis present. Excellent sitting.

Saturday 22nd July 1978

Madurai: 7 P.M. to 7:40 P.M. Group satsangh at my residence. More than 40 abhyasis present. Excellent sitting.

Sunday 23rd July 1978

Madurai: 7:30 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. Group satsangh in the centre. Nearly 75 abhyasis present. Later inspected centre accounts.

4 P.M. Individual sitting Shri V.J. Chandrasekhar.

5 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Group satsangh for five abhyasis.

AUGUST

Tuesday 8th August 1978

Madurai: 7 A.M. Individual sitting Shri T.S. Rajagopalan of Madras.

7 P.M. to 7:50 P.M. Group satsangh at my residence. Twenty-five present.

Wednesday 9th August 1978

Madurai: 7 A.M. Individual sitting Shri T.S. Rajagopalan of Madras.

7 P.M. to 7:40 P.M. Group satsangh at Shri W.H. Srinivasan's residence in Tirunagar. About 20 present.

Thursday 10th August 1978

Madurai: 7 P.M. to 7:45 P.M. Group satsangh in my residence. About 40 abhyasis present. Excellent sitting.

Friday 11th August 1978

Madurai: 7 P.M. to 7:40 P.M. Group satsangh in Tallakulam in Shri Palanichami's residence. Good sitting attended by about 20 abhyasis.

Saturday 12th August 1978

Trichy: 7 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Group satsangh. About 20 present.

Sunday 13th August 1978

Trichy: 7:30 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. Group satsangh at centre.

Monday 21st August 1978

Ernakulam: 8 A.M. Individual sitting Shri Ravi Verma.

11:30 A.M. Group satsangh in Shri Bharathrajan's house.

6:30 P.M. to 7 P.M. Group satsangh in Shri Srikantan Nair's house.

Tuesday 22nd August 1978

Ernakulam: 7 A.M. Group satsangh.

Wednesday 23rd August 1978

Coimbatore: 7 A.M. Individual sitting Shri R. Swaminathan of Madras.

8 A.M. Group satsangh at centre.

6 P.M. Group satsangh at centre.

Thursday 24th August 1978

Mysore: 7 P.M. to 7:50 P.M. Group satsangh in State Bank of Mysore Training Centre. Twenty-two abhyasis from Kollegal, 4 from Bangalore, 2 from Krishnaraja Sagar, and 12 local abhyasis present. Spoke on 'Service of Master.'

Friday 25th August 1978

Mysore: 8 A.M. to 8:40 A.M. Group satsangh.

Channapatna: 3 P.M. First sitting Miss Kanakarakshi.

4 P.M. Group satsangh. Fifty-five minute sitting. Excellent. Many felt Master's presence.

Bangalore: 7:30 P.M. Small group satsangh.

Saturday 26th August 1978

Bangalore: 4 P.M. Sitting for Mrs. Padmini Ramachandran and her father.

7 P.M. to 7:45 P.M. Group satsangh at centre. Very good sitting.

Sunday 27th August 1978

Bangalore: 8:15 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Group satsangh at centre.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 20th September 1978 to Sunday 24th September 1978

At Shahjahanpur.

Monday 25th September 1978

Delhi: 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Group satsangh in Shri V.G. Joshi's residence at Paschimpuri. Nearly 35 present including 3 abhyasis of Denmark. Superb sitting.

Tuesday 26th September 1978

Delhi: 7 P.M. to 8 P.M. Group sitting in Shri M.S. Sundara's house at Vasant Vihar. Glorious and deep sitting with over 50 abhyasis present.

OCTOBER

Saturday 14th October 1978

Bombay: 11 A.M. Group satsangh. Twenty present.

6 P.M. Sitting for Mr. and Mrs. Raman Lal Desai.

Sunday 15th October 1978

Ahmedabad: 7 P.M. to 7:55 P.M. Group satsangh. Sixty abhyasis present.

Monday 16th October 1978

Ahmedabad: 8 A.M. to 9 A.M. Group satsangh at Mrs. Draupadi Devi's house. About 30 present.

12 noon to 5 P.M. Individual sittings for Shri Kantibhai, Smt. Viruben, Shri Ganapathi Iyer, Mrs. Iyer, Mrs. Veda Rajagopalan, Shri Babubhai F. Patel, Shri Phatah, Smt. Draupadi Devi.

7:30 to 8:00 P.M. Group satsangh at Shri C. Rajagopalan's house. Only 25 present.

Tuesday 17th October 1978

Ahmedabad: 8 A.M. Individual sitting Shri C. Rajagopalan.

9 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Individual sitting for Shri Atmaram Sarodi, Mrs. Sarodi, Shri Subramaniam, Shri Pisharati, Mrs.

Viruben Patel, Mrs. Mewaben Agarwal, Mrs. Premaben Rajagopalan, Mrs. Vedaben Rajagopal.

Wednesday 18th October 1978

Baroda: 7:30 P.M. to 8:15 P.M. Group satsangh at Shri Amin's house. Fifty-five present. Very good sitting.

Thursday 19th October 1978

Baroda: 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. Group satsangh.

9 A.M. Individual sitting to Shri M.T. Amin.

Ahmedabad: 5 P.M. Individual sittings for Mr. Parameswaran, Mr. K. Rajagopalan, Mrs. Sulochana, Shri Babubhai. F. Patel and two others.

8 P.M. to 8:45 P.M. Group satsangh at Shri Surajbhan Agarwal's house. Twenty-six present.

Friday 20th October 1978

Ahmedabad: 8 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. Group satsangh.

From 10 A.M. Individual sittings for 14 abhyasis.

2:30 P.M. Individual sittings for two abhyasis.

Bombay: 9 P.M. to 9:45 P.M. Group satsangh at Dr. A.B. Jajodia's house.

Saturday 21st October 1978

Bombay: 7:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. Fourteen individual sittings for abhyasis.

6:30 P.M. to 7:15 P.M. Group satsangh. Thirty present. Good.

Sunday 22nd October 1978

Bombay: 7:30 A.M. Two individual sittings.

10:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Group satsangh in Shri Ramanbhai's house. Shri Khooshalbhai Patel of South Africa with four abhyasis of Surat also present. Two hour discussion with Shri Khooshalbhai on Mission work in South Africa.

NOVEMBER

Thursday 16th November 1978

Madurai: 7 P.M. to 7:45 P.M. Group satsangh in my residence. Twenty-six present.

Friday 17th November 1978

Madurai: 7:15 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Group sitting in Tallakulam at Shri Palanichami's residence.

Saturday 18th November 1978

Rajapalayam: 6 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. Group satsangh.

Sunday 19th November 1978

Madurai: 7:30 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. Group satsangh at centre.

Trichy: 4:30 P.M. to 5:15 P.M. Group satsangh, 20 present.

6:30 P.M. First sitting Shri S. Subramanian of Vijaya Bank.

Monday 20th November 1978

Madurai: 8 A.M. Individual sitting to Shri K.R. Subramanian of Tinnevelly.

6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Group satsangh. Over 50 present.

Tuesday 21st November 1978

Virudhunagar: 6:30 P.M. to 7:10 P.M. Group satsangh. Forty-two present.

Wednesday 22nd November 1978

Madurai: 7:15 P.M. to 7:50 P.M. Group satsangh at Tirunagar. Thirty-five present.

DECEMBER

Sunday 10th December 1978

Yerraguntala: 7 A.M. to 8 A.M. Group satsangh. Fifty present.

Proddatur: 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Group satsangh. About 180 present. Followed by public meeting till 1 P.M.

Alladupalli: 4:30 P.M. to 5:10 P.M. Group satsangh. Fifty present.

Proddatur: 6:30 P.M. to 7:20 P.M. Group satsangh. One hundred and forty present.

Monday 11th December 1978

Proddatur: 7 A.M. to 8 A.M. Group satsangh. One hundred and twenty present.

Yerraguntala: 10 A.M. to 10:40 A.M. Group satsangh. One hundred present. Followed by public meeting till 1 P.M.

Tadpatri: 6:30 P.M. to 7:20 P.M. Group satsangh. About 30 present. Grossness in whole group.

Tuesday 12th December 1978

Anantapur: 8:40 A.M. to 9:50 A.M. Group satsangh in Shri K.V. Rangayya's house. About 30 present.

Tadpatri: 4:30 P.M. to 5:20 P.M. Group satsangh. Eighty present.

6 P.M. to 8 P.M. public meeting,

Friday 22nd December 1978

Bangalore: Special trip to see Brother Raghavendra Rao who is hospitalised.

Saturday 23rd December 1978

Bangalore: 7 P.M. to 7:45 P.M. Group satsangh at ashram. Poor attendance but grand sitting.

Sunday 24th December 1978

Bangalore: 8:15 A.M. to 9 A.M. Group satsangh at ashram.

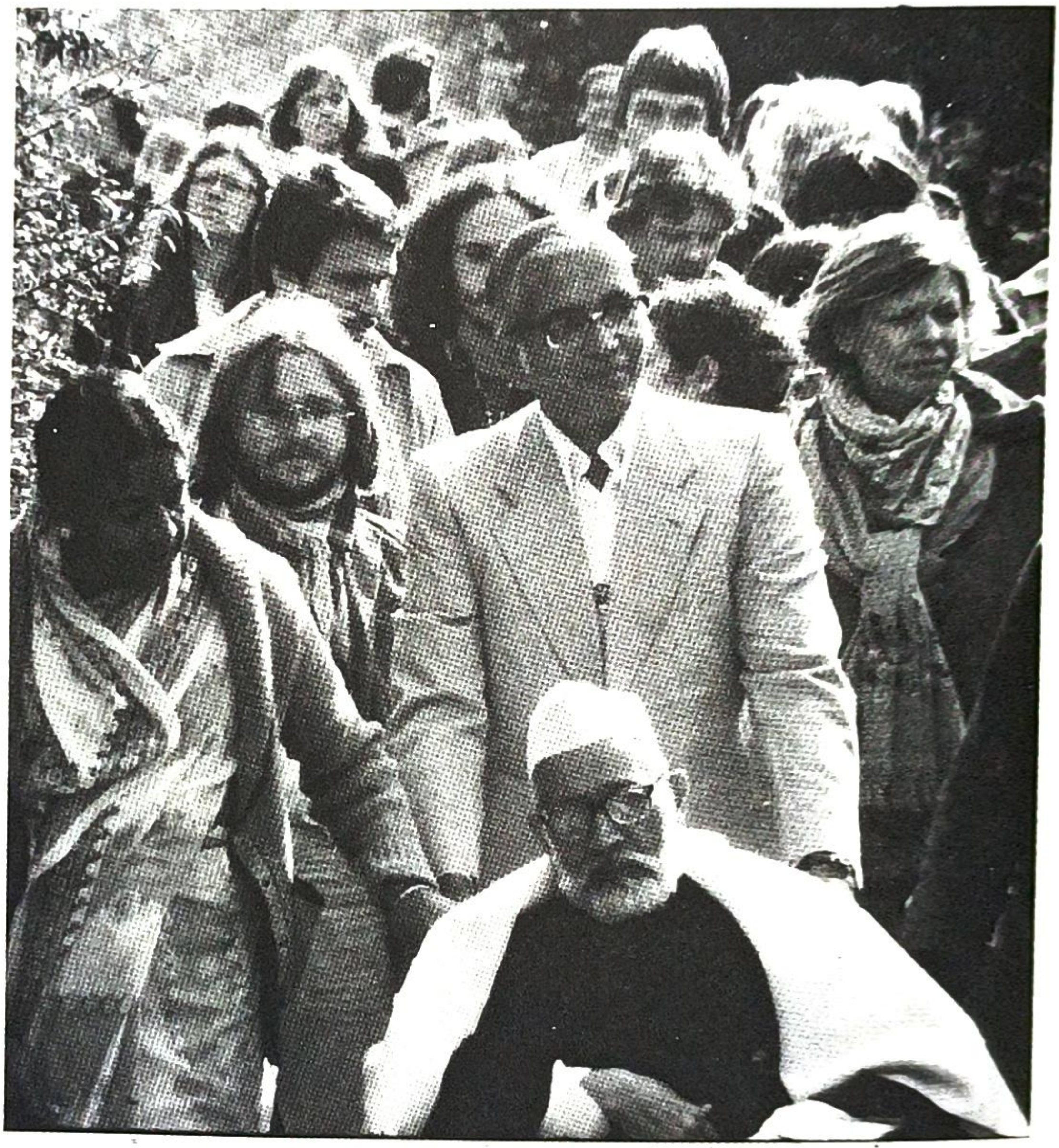
Inspected ashram construction till 11 A.M. Shri Raghavendra Rao discharged this morning from hospital.

Monday 25th December 1978

Bangalore: 8 A.M. sitting for Shri R. Rajagopalachari, Mrs. Indra, Smt. Ponnamma, Shri S.K. Mohan, and Shri R. Sudarshan.

Saw Shri Raghavendra Rao before leaving for Madras.

Parthasarathi
30 December 1978



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Shahjahanpur
4th January 1979

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 29th December 1978. I asked Krishna whether Seshadri attends satsangh in your house or not for my information and work. Further things I do not remember. I found a knot working against the discipline of the Mission. I told him also indirectly and began to end it. I worked on that. I do not know how much I have succeeded. I do not mind for these minor things. So forget these things. I want that all of you should work for the same cause (spiritual and disciplinary). I know already that you have no motive or feelings against Seshadri. It is a pity that some abhyasis do not leave the former worships. We are trying that these things should be removed. My health is good but not so well as to take up the hard work.

Dr. Gangloff is benefited much. His super-conscious state of the heart is awakened. Cleaning is necessary, which should be done lightly.

Yatra of *brahmand mandal* has not yet fully commenced. I gave a mild touch.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Shahjahanpur
4th January 1979

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter of 26th December 1978 (copy) addressed to Mr. Khoosalbhai. As desired, the originals of the correspondence are sent herewith.

Shri Gunderaoji's passport is still under issue and on receipt will be sent to you along with mine.

A copy of the list of initiated members is also enclosed for your information.

With Blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
9th January 1979

Beloved Master,

I have received through the post your letter No. 652 dated 29th December 1978, as also two letters both dated 4th January 1979 sent through Dr. Hanns Gangloff who arrived here yesterday.

I think the application for the South Africa trip can be filed with the concerned authorities only after Brother Shri Gunde Rao's passport is received. A separate application for him later will only cause confusion in correlating all the applications. I request you to let me know whether this is in order. Otherwise applications for your and my travel can be made immediately, and submit for Brother Rao Sahib later when his passport is received.

I await your advice in this matter.

Re: Madras Centre and Shri R. Seshadri.

I have your confidential letter on this matter. You will remember that about two or three years ago the meditation *pandal* behind Shri Vira Raghavan's house was unusable, and you had decided that Mission money should not be spent in repairing or reconstructing it. At that time the activities were shifted to my house.

After Shri Vira Raghavan passed away, Shri Seshadri, with your approval, started giving individual sittings and also some group sittings at that place. According to Shri Seshadri (as I hear) that place is the real centre of the Mission, the "ashram" and that is why he does not attend satsangh at my place. Recently one abhyasi, Mr. Muthiah, confessed to me that without my knowledge and approval he had contributed Rs. 860/- towards repair of the old *pandal* in that place. It appears from what he added that both Mrs. Vira Raghavan as well as Shri Seshadri told him that under no circumstances should this matter be informed to me. Mr. Muthiah added that he had felt uneasy about having withheld this information from me he was telling me now. This was last week. He wanted my forgiveness for having acted without my approval. I just told him that it was his money and that he was free to do as he pleased with it. This matter was hinted to me when I was at Tiruchirapalli about two months ago, but I had no confirmation about it. Only now the person concerned, or perhaps one of them, has himself told me about it and so I am bringing it to your notice.

Anything I may add will not be welcome to you, and so I refrain from further comment. But discipline, never a very strong point in this centre, is now being seriously eroded by sayings and activities of Shri Seshadri. It is my duty to keep you informed and hence this letter is being sent to you.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 712 **Shahjahanpur**
12 January 1979

Dear brother,

Received your letter dated 9th January 1979. The passport of Shri Gunde Rao is promised to be delivered to us within a week. Shri Gunde Rao had been to Lucknow twice for this purpose. As soon as I get it, it will be sent to you forthwith along with my passport.

2. Separate applications need not be sent. Only one joint application will serve the purpose.

Re. Madras centre and Shri R. Seshadri.

Whatever I have said about the hut behind Shri Vira Raghavan's house still stands. We should act calmly. Rest we will talk when you come here.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
19th January 1979

My Beloved Master,

I hope this finds you in good health. My father's health is causing me much worry. He has a bad cough and has been continuously coughing day and night for the past ten to twelve days. This has weakened him very much. He is very depressed too. Tomorrow he is leaving for Bangalore for some treatment by a Kerala doctor involving hot oil bath, massage, etc. He had this treatment two months ago at Bangalore and returned to Madras in much better health.

This morning he was very depressed and told me, "I am going somehow to Bangalore, but I feel I won't come back." I was very upset. I reminded him that after his accident in

Shahjahanpur in 1971, you had assured him that he will live twenty years more, and therefore he should not have such thoughts. To this he replied Master has loosed his hold upon me. I don't think that promise is valid anymore."

Beloved Master, I pray for your forgiveness of my father and may your grace and support be with him. We are all unworthy of it, but your love is so infinite that I pray it may embrace my family, and particularly my father at this juncture. Kindly help us.

Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

P.S. My office problems, the humiliation etc. is becoming unbearable and I am counting my days in the job.

Parthasarathi

6th March 1979

Revered Master,

Re: **Dr. S.R.G. Muralidharam - his activities**

A Telugu pamphlet was sent to you by Dr. Muralidharam introducing *Geeta Mala* and which was sent to all preceptors and which was subsequently withdrawn. I am enclosing herewith an English translation of the pamphlet for your perusal.

I have just received from Dr. Muralidharam a copy of letter dated 2nd March addressed to you. The letter seems to reflect considerable annoyance at the action taken by you. He has specifically remarked that your verbal remarks gave him the impression that he had your approval. I have already referred to such a risk in verbal approvals in my earlier letter to you a few days ago. I would therefore reiterate that all approvals pertaining to administration and executive functioning of the Mission including publications, press material, photographs, etc., should be in writing with a copy to me for my information. Further such approval should be given to the centre of the Mission concerned addressed to the preceptor-in-charge of the Mission and not to individuals because it is the centres which undertake activity and not individual abhyasis.

Dr. Muralidharam mentions Dr. V. Parthasarathi, Dr. G. Kuppuswamy and one Dr. V. Apopa Rao, all as having approved his action. I do not know how such persons have approved this action and perhaps you should write to senior members of the Mission or preferably prepare a circular for all centres pinpointing the following facts:

1. Any proposal by individual members at any centre of the Mission should be put up to the preceptor-in-charge of that centre for consideration.
2. The preceptor-in-charge after due consideration should refer the matter to the General Secretary for consideration if he considers so fit.
3. The General Secretary should take up the matter with the President wherever such reference is considered necessary by the General Secretary.
4. Approvals should emanate in writing either from the President or from the General Secretary as the case may be and should be addressed to the preceptor-in-charge of the centres which would undertake the work.
5. It should be unmistakably pointed out that collection of funds is the responsibility of the centres of the Mission and no organisation other than Shri Ram Chandra Mission itself is authorised to collect funds for any other purpose whatsoever.
6. Bank accounts can only be opened by centres of the Mission which have the authority of the President to do so supported by a resolution. Such accounts can only be opened in the name of the Mission and be operated by individual/individuals authorised by the President to so operate such accounts.

I am unable to think of any other points in this connection but if any such arise, the same will be communicated to you.

In this connection, I may remind that last May or so, you indicated to me that you would prepare fresh guidelines for my use in connection with preparation of material for sales. I trust you will be able to let me have that also at your earliest convenience.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

(English translation of
the Telugu publication *Geeta Mala*)

An Announcement to the Sahaj Marg Abhyasis and Seekers of Spirituality

In 1971/72 one hundred songs were written by the grace of the Divine Mahatma Shri Ram Chandraji, Shahjahanpur. They have been dedicated to Lalaji under the name "Geeta Mala" at the time of his centenary celebrations. He commanded me to print *Geeta Mala* in my name. So with His permission, I wanted to print *Geeta Mala* and give it freely to the Sahaj Marg abhyasis and seekers.

The size of the Book is one eighth of Deming size—120 pages. If we print 1000 copies, each book will cost Rs. 4/- If we print more, the cost will be reduced. With the intention to give the copies freely to the Andhra Pradesh Sahaj Marg abhyasis, I wish to collect donations. So that I can send the copies to the abhyasis of the centres. Every abhyasi should co-operate in this matter and send the donations to the credit of

Geeta Mala Publications
S.B. A/c No. 1809
Veterinary College Branch
Andhra Bank
Tirupati

So I specially request the preceptors to send the number of abhyasis in each centre and their requirement of copies. *Geeta Mala* will be in your hands on 30th April 1979 or earlier. The centres which had been formed after 1976, the concerned preceptors or organisers have to send their requirements of copies.

Shri H. Joga Rao, Dr. V. Panduranga Rao, Dr. V. Parthasarathi had shown interest and given suggestions with regard to these while composing the ballads.

Dr. V.S.R. Murthy (Director, Sahaj Marg Research Institute) had given his opinion on this *Geeta Mala.*

"Dr. S.R.G. Muralidharan composed the *Geeta Mala* in a very plain style to make the Andhras understand the principles of Sahaj Marg and its adaptability. It is a treasure to the non-English knowing Andhras!"

Dr. G. Kuppuswamy opined, "An exquisite exposition in detail of Sahaj Marg system in simple lucid Telugu ballads."

The ballads have been compiled in this manner.

1. The greatness of Lalaji
2. The greatness of Babuji
3. The greatness of Dr. K.C. Varadachari
4. The greatness of Sahaj Marg
5. God
6. Balala Tatvam (children's nature)
7. Divine state
8. The stages on the Divine journey
9. Forgetful state
10. The system of creation
11. The search for Reality
12. Power of feeling
13. Power of senses
14. The last course
15. Prayer —Meditation
16. Pooja
17. Goal

18. Birth right
19. Mission's rules
20. Love
21. Knowledge —ignorance
22. Self-introspection
23. Confidence
24. Peace —restlessness
25. Pleasures and pains —Life
26. Satisfaction
27. Influence of friendship
28. Desire and Anger (Kama and Krodha)
29. Pride and Prejudice
30. Abusing others
31. Equanimity
32. Pardonment
33. Humility
34. Enemies
35. Fear
36. The index of the Geetas

It also contains:

Ten Maxims; the process of meditation; the centres of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, with the names of preceptors; the picture of spiritual states; the picture of the Divine knots in the body; Lalaji and Babuji in photos.

These songs will develop the spiritual thinking and develop the divine life and are adaptable for singing.

All spiritual thinkers, not only Sahaj Marg abhyasis, should give donations liberally and get the blessing of the Divine Master.

In the service of the Divine Master,
Dr. S.R.G. Murali Dharan
Shri Ram Chandra Mahal
18-2-246, Gandhi Mahal
Tirupati - 517 501

Tirupati
2nd March 1979

My dear and Pujya Babuji Maharaj,

Pranams! I received YOUR kind registered letter on the afternoon of 27th February 1979 and gave reply on the forenoon of 28th February 1979. I sent a copy of my reply (hand written) to the General Secretary, Shri P. Rajagopalachari *garu*, because YOU have marked a copy of YOUR letter No. 942 dated 23rd February 1979 to him for information.

As per YOUR instructions I sent a copy of the enclosed cyclostyled matter on the A.N. of 28th February 1979 to all the persons to whom I sent the pamphlet. The amount received and accounted up to 1st March 1979 (Rs. 260/-) is being remitted to the concerned persons by M.O. Persons sending money, without knowing the changed programme will get back their money through M.Os.

In my previous letter I told YOU that I would write about the letter I received from Dr. V. Parthasarathi garu of Vijayawada. I am writing the following from memory. Wishing me all luck in the publication of *Geeta Mala* and citing some of his personal experiences, he had expressed his doubts in raising the necessary fund and also asked me about my idea behind the proposed free distribution of the book. Since I am asking for donations, I thought it fit to give away the book free to as many Sahaj Marg abhyasis and spiritual aspirants as possible. Secondly, it is not really given free, because the book will go through the donor centres or through the hands of individual donors. Whatever may be the receipts, I wanted to give my humble contribution to make the venture a success. He had asked me to sell the book, if the donation collected is less. While accepting this suggestion, I did not wish for it. Over and above this I stated that I have firm faith in Masterji and that His work will go on, in spite of worldly set backs, by His will and Grace. I have also expressed my readiness to hand over the entire issue to our Mission, if it comes forward because I have no personal ambitions. I have also informed him about a casual offer of help in publishing the book by one of my close relatives, who is a well established printer and publisher, in Andhra Pradesh.

After exchanging these views in the second week of February 1979, I had an occasion to meet Dr. V. Parthasarathi garu at Tirupati railway station on 25th February 1979, while he was returning to Vijayawada after visiting Vellore Hospital where his co-son-in-law, Dr. V. Appa Rao (a Sahaj Marg abhyasi) was undergoing some critical tests for suspected cancer. Dr. Appa Rao was my colleague here (presently working at Bangalore) and so we spent all the time talking about his health. Neither he asked nor I told about the matter in the pamphlet. In this connection I pray to Masterji, to relieve Dr. V. Appa Rao from his present illness and anxiety.

Though it is unnecessary to discuss after having accepted and executed YOUR WILL, it is better to put on record as to how I have embarked on the present project.

During the course of our conversation at Madras and Shahjahanpur (in 1978) Masterji said, “The Mission can not take up the publication of all the books written by the abhyasis and that the individuals can publish in their own way.” With specific reference to *Geeta Mala*, YOU have specifically asked me to give my name as author and also to publish on my own accord. At one time, YOU have asked me to publish it as a serial in some popular journals for which I had expressed my own doubts because of journalistic limitations. Analysing these expressions of Masterji, I preferred to go on my own. I have expressed this view in one or two letters I have written to YOU from Delhi. I did not write for any specific permission, before entering into the present project, because it is a very old and well-discussed issue between YOU and me. According to my general understanding and conviction that YOUR word is an order, a permission, an authenticity, etc., according to the situation. When YOU say official permission, I presume that it is from our Mission. Who created the Mission? Is the Mission a subordinate to the creator or the creator is a subordinate to the Mission? When the head of the Mission knows of a particular happening, why embarrassing a person in the name of officialdom? Let me make it clear; I like our Mission; I am serving the Mission in my humble way and I shall serve, but this is not the way to let down a man, when something good for the Mission is undertaken. If anybody had expressed any surprise over the issue, or if YOU had forgotten and got surprised, YOU should have recollected and placed the facts before the concerned. From this episode I feel that our Mission is facing some inner politics and the steam is let out on somebody.

Before giving the pamphlet-matter to the press, it was discussed before five local preceptors including Dr. G. Kuppuswamy garu and some abhyasis. None of the persons present at that moment, thought it necessary to seek the permission of our Mission, probably because it is an individual effort accepted verbally by Masterji, and probably also because of their faith in my integrity and honesty. No doubt, it is difficult to distinguish between good and bad elements, in the matter of collection of donations either from Institutions or from individuals. However raising funds is a socially acceptable way for any public cause. The sanctity of raising donations depends entirely on the integrity and honesty of the persons handling an issue. To eliminate the misunderstanding and the chances of misappropriation of public funds, I personally preferred to have a separate account in the name of Geeta Mala publications. According to my limited knowledge, this is one of the best ways to maintain a public account.

Coming to the point of informing and soliciting the help of Sahaj Marg abhyasis and other spiritual aspirants, since the book proposed for publication is concerned mostly to Sahaj Marg abhyasis and similar spiritual aspirants, I have approached them, just as different associations or organisations seek co-operation, help, aid, etc., form similar fraternities.

Conclusion: The edited volume of *Geeta Mala* has been read by some more local preceptors and abhyasis and also by a local Telugu poet (former Editor of a Government publication in Telugu called *Andhra Pradesh*, author of a book prescribed for graduates and presently working in T.T.D. as a public relation officer). The Telugu poet's views will also be included in the book. Dr. K. Kamalanathan, Prof. of Political Science will write the preface. Everybody says that it is absorbing and good. Hence I once again request Masterji, to take up the publication on behalf of our Mission, if not, kindly issue me an official permission, not only to publish it but also to sell it at all our Mission centres where there is demand for Telugu books.

With prayers for Babuji's health,

Yours affectionately,
S.R.G. Muralidharam

Copy to:
Shri P. Rajagopalachari Garu
General Secretary, S.R.C.M., Sri Ram Nagar, Madras.

28th February 1979

Dr. S.R.G. Muralidharam
"Shri Ram Chandra Mahal"
18-2-246, Gandhinagar
Tirupati 517501 (A.P.)

To

Shri ________________

Dear Brother,

Namaste! As per the advice of our beloved Master, Mahatma, Shri Ram Chandraji of Shahjahanpur, U.P., I have cancelled the project of publication of *Geeta Mala* **for the time being**. Kindly do not remit the amount to the S.B.

Account No. given in the Telugu pamphlet issued earlier, since according to Masterji, "No funds are to be collected from the organisation directly or indirectly". Sorry for the inconvenience caused to you. Further information on this subject will be communicated to you after receiving specific instructions from Masterji.

With best regards,

Yours fraternally,
S.R.G. Muralidharam

6th March 1979

Revered Master,

Re: Sahaj Marg Research Institute - Tirupati

I have received a copy of the minutes of the second meeting of members and preceptors held on 25th January 1979 at Tirupati in connection with the above organisation. The original must have been received by you. I feel that it is necessary to clearly outline the place of the Institute in the Mission and to ensure its proper functioning. I therefore suggest the following points for your consideration:

1. Sahaj Marg Research Institute is the research body, or research organisation, of the Mission functioning within the overall framework of the Mission and has no separate entity other than this. In effect it will be like our Printing Press which is a part of the Mission carrying on separate functions entrusted to it.

2. The question of preparing a separate Constitution for this Research Institute, as suggested in item 6 on page 4 of the Minutes referred to above, does not therefore arise. Similarly the question of a separate income-tax exemption for the Insti-

tute does not arise as the Research Institute will function with funds made available by the Mission from time to time.

3. The Research Institute should not be permitted to have any finance collection activities on its own for reasons set out in point 2 above. All collections will be made by the Mission under different heads and research institute funds will be found and financed out of general funds available with the Mission or as may be decided upon by you.

4. Any publication prepared by the Sahaj Marg Research Institute should be based under the editorial authority of the editor of the English Section of *Sahaj Marg*. It is necessary that this should be done to ensure that there is no deviation from Mission principles or thoughts of your teachings in such publications.

In a larger way I would suggest that for Hindi publications Dr. S.P. Srivastava should be designated "General Editor" and for English publications the English editor of the *Sahaj Marg* should be similarly entrusted. For publications in all other languages it is desirable to have a panel to be constituted by us which will scrutinise, amend and approve translations for publications. The publication of such material will naturally be the business of the Shri Ram Chandra Mission and not of any individual member. I suggest therefore that the Hindi translation of *Sahaj Marg System of Sadhana - Role of Abhyasi* prepared by sister Dr. Sudha Gupta should be subjected to such review by Dr. S.P. Srivastava. Please refer to item No.7a on page 4 of the minutes for reference to this. Any Telegu translation that may be made in future of this particular material should be submitted to a Telugu panel for review.

5. As for the general functioning of the Sahaj Marg Research Institute, I think you should very carefully prepare a broad guideline which will govern the Institute in its functioning. You may kindly also include your guidelines regarding letters to be issued by the Institute as proposed in item 1 on page 1 of the Minutes and also relating to any general

circulars or brochures that the Institute may prepare for publication as referred to in item 8 on page 4.

6. In item 9 on page 4 of the minutes, mention has been made of the necessity to include Shri K.C. Narayana as the Convener in the Sahaj Marg Research Institute. This is for your decision.

I request you to let me have your views on all these topics so that it can be finalised and proper action taken.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

10th March 1979

Revered Master,

I have received a copy of the letter ref. S.M.R.I.B- 2.4/79 dated 8th March 1979 addressed by Dr. V.S.R. Murthy of Tirupati to you along with a pamphlet on *Sahaj Marg System of Sadhana—Role of Preceptors* with a request to communicate direct to you my opinion in this matter.

For several years you have been feeling that the *Preceptors' Manual I* requires revision and I also think that it is work that should be immediately undertaken. Originally this work had been entrusted to Sister Kasturi but she has not been able to take it up. During the recent Basant Utsav brother Raghavendra Rao discussed this with you and said that he would perhaps be able to take this up if you approved of it.

The matter sent to you by Dr. Murthy does not to my mind cover the complete scope of preceptors' activities and I therefore feel that the work should be held in abeyance pending revision of the *Preceptors' Manual I* as contemplated by you some years ago.

Please let me know what you decide in this matter.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,

Parthasarathi

cc. Sahaj Marg Research Institute - Attention: Dr. V.S.R. Murthy

Illustration on Cover (see Fig. 1 also)

"Our conscious thought and will is a very small fragment of the vast fund of consciousness. This vast fund lies dormant within us and one object of Yoga is to actualise this fund and harness it to our life activities."

Ram Chandra

21st March 1979

Revered Master,

I have received a letter from Mrs. Grace Kimball, USA saying that she has recommended one Philip Todd to be granted provisional permission. If I remember right this boy used to be in Denmark married to a Danish girl with one child and fell mentally ill for two years with periods of violent mental illness in between. He has subsequently gone back to the U.S. to which he belongs and is now staying twenty miles near Ohio. I would therefore request you to consider all matters before granting him provisional permission because if he is still having any problems, this may not be suitable.

Mrs. Grace Kimball has asked me to recommend to you Viola Koeskar, 4059 W. 214th Street, Farview Park, Ohio - 44126. Viola is a Hungarian settled in the States and has been in Sahaj Marg for the last five years. I think her case can be taken up for provisional permission.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

No. 1144

Shahjahanpur
8th April 1979

My dear Parthasarathi,

I and brother Gunde Rao will reach Delhi by Kashi Vishwanath Express on the morning of 27th April and after a day's stay at brother Sundara's house, proceed to Ahmedabad by the Forenoon Air service, on 24th April 1979.

As the visa will not be ready in time, I propose to be back here on 9th May 1979 after visiting Navsari, Surat, Baroda and Udaipur in continuation of the Ahmedabad programme.

Rest in person.

With blessings to all,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

9th April 1979

Revered Master,

It is now obvious that your visit to South Africa will have to be postponed. I am therefore proposing that you should return to Shahjahanpur after the Ahmedabad Utsav as per plan hereunder:

2nd May 1979 Wednesday	Dep. Ahmedabad 8 A.M. by car. Arr. Baroda at 11 A.M.
3rd May 1979 Thursday	Dep. Baroda at 3 P.M. by car. Arr. Navsari at 7 P.M.
4th May 1979 Friday	Halt at Navsari
5th May 1979 Saturday	Dep. Navsari at 8 A.M. by car. Arr. Bombay at 12 noon
6th May 1979 Sunday	Halt at Bombay
7th May 1979 Monday	Dep. Bombay by air—any suitable flight Arr. Delhi
8th May 1979 Tuesday	Halt at Delhi
9th May 1979 Wednesday	Leave for Shahjahanpur either by car or by Kashi Vishwanath Express

Since my brother's daughter's wedding has been fixed for 27th June, I would request you to consider permitting me to plan South African trip for July this year. By that time the visa formalities etc. would all be over, permitting me to undertake the trip. I would request you to be very kindly present at the wedding of my brother's daughter. Since the Bangalore ashram construction will be completely over in August, I would request you to inaugurate the ashram formally and for this purpose, I give hereunder a programme for your approval:-

24th June 1979 Sunday	Leave Shahjahanpur and arrive Delhi
25th June 1979 Monday	Halt at Delhi
26th June 1979 Tuesday	Dep. Delhi by air for Bangalore
27th June 1979 Wednesday	Halt at Bangalore
28th June 1979 Thursday	Halt at Bangalore
29th June 1979 Friday	Inauguration of Bangalore ashram
30th June 1979 Saturday	Dep. Bangalore by air for Madras. Halt at Madras up to 8th July 1979 preparatory to leaving for South Africa.

I request your approval to both these programmes.

Regarding South African visit, Shri Khoosalbhai has stated that the following are necessary:

1. Two passport-size photos endorsed by a Magistrate—yours and brother Gunde Rao's are already with Shri Khoosalbhai and no action is necessary.

2. Photostat copies of all pages of the passports from page 1 to the page on which endorsement has been made by the Government for trip to South Africa. This can naturally be done when all the three passports are with me, permitting travel to South Africa.

3. A certificate of perfect health from any Government doctor certifying that the individual concerned is not suffering from any disease or disability which will prevent him from undertaking long air travel abroad.

4. A similar certificate from the Government doctor giving a chest X-ray report of perfect inner chest condition certifying that the person is not suffering from TB.

I would request you to arrange for 3. and 4. when you are at Delhi for yours and brother Gunde Rao's.

5. A letter from the Government of India stating that in view of the passport having been endorsed for travel to South Africa, the Government of India will have no objection to the holders of the passports re-entering India through any port of entry after the visit to South Africa is complete. I would request you to see if this letter can be arranged at Delhi itself through brother Shri M.S. Sundara for the three of us.

I await your detailed letter at your earliest convenience in respect of the above.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 1552 **Shahjahanpur**
16th June 1979

My Dear Parthasarathi,

Your letter dated 7th June 1979 to hand. I do not exactly remember to have given any oral permission to Karim Nagar abhaysis for the purchase of the land. I might have expressed my opinion only in casual talk with the abhyasis. The opinion cannot be taken as a permission. In such major matters the preceptor is expected to take permission in writing before proceeding.

You may please enquire the amount at their disposal and the area of land to be purchased. The Mission will like to invest its amounts only after considering the priority of the need of the Mission.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Camp Madurai
4th July 1979

Revered and Beloved Master,

I am most grateful for your kind and affectionate letter of 24th from Shahjahanpur. It came at a time when I was most distressed and in want of guidance and some measure of consolation also. We were very confused and worried by several happenings subsequent to your departure from Madras, all of which you know about, and so I need not touch them here. Many things happened that were not the fault of anybody, but only due to ignorance. We all pray for your benevolent love and forgiveness for anything that may have happened during your visit to Madras. You are the personification of Love, and I pray that you may forgive us in your infinite and unbounded love for your children.

I have noted your comments regarding Assam. The same trouble and problems are here in the South too, and money is a great obstacle to those who possess it. The infinite love and the grace of the Master alone can afford to open the way for stricken humanity to profit by the presence of the Special Personality on earth, and I pray to you my Master to open the way to all.

I have noted your comments about my condition. I have had a very heavy and sad heart ever since you left Madras, and life had become a burden which was difficult to bear. Anxiety in a large measure had come into me, about so many things that I am confused as to the exact reason or the cause for it. I had also the idea that I was not able to meditate for the full period as I was used to doing, and disturbances were many. My mind was so perturbed and there was so much confusion that all this was the result. Your letter reached me on the 27th June, Friday, and immediately I started feeling better. But the real change came on Sunday 29th. The whole day I was feeling as if I was walking on air, and in fact I was singing the whole day with a joy and freedom that I had not felt for a very long time. On Sunday evening my father gave some of us a sitting in the evening and after many days I felt peaceful and absorbed completely.

The next day my father again gave some of us another sitting. This time I felt quite peaceful but not like on the previous day. My father later told me, "If you write to Babuji tell him that I saw yesterday a whorl, and you were at the bottom, but there was motion and not staticity. To-day I saw that the whorl was in rapid spiral motion and that you had moved up to the top of the whorl." So coupled with the feeling that I had Sunday and what my father told me, I am sure that the movement has begun, by your divine and unlimited grace and love for the abhyasi.

Chi. Umesh has received the money order as well as the bundle of papers re-directed from Shahjahanpur. He is well. I think that he has taken a liking to the job and will do well in it. Perhaps he still finds it difficult to attune himself to the varied food habits of the South. My father has gone to Cuddapah for a couple of days, and will return to Madras probably tomorrow. I expect to be back on the 9th.

Sow. Sulochana has been anxiously asking about her condition, and I promised to write to you and ask you. Chi. Krishna is in better health, as indeed all of us are for the last month or so, by your grace.

I am hoping to go to Delhi for a few days by the middle of this month, and during that visit I hope to be blessed with your *darshan* at Shahjahanpur.

Ever at your Lotus feet,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

28th July 1979

Revered Master,

I trust this finds you well. Chi. Krishna, Bari Bahu and I will be leaving Madras on Thursday the 9th August and arriving in Shahjahanpur on Saturday the 11th August morning at around 5 A.M. by the Lucknow Mail. We will be staying there till Wednesday the 15th August before we return to Delhi from where Chi. Krishna will leave for the United States around midnight of Friday 17th August 1979. Rest in person.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

24th August 1979

Revered Master,

After being with you for five days in Shahjahanpur we returned to Delhi on the 16th and Chi. Krishna left for Denmark on 18th morning at 2 A.M. Yesterday evening we received a cable from one of our relations in Madison, Wisconsin that he has arrived safely and is staying with them till he shifts to the hostel. By your grace everything went on smoothly. The unique thing is that neither Bari Bahu nor I have any sense of separation from him and this is all by your grace.

I trust you had been to Lucknow for medical check-up and that the doctors found you fit.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 1490

Shahjahanpur
1st September 1979

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter. I am very happy to note that Chi. Krishna reached safely. May God bless him.

I had a check-up at Lucknow on 20th August. All tests have been done. Everything is normal. But my condition continues the same—giddiness, abdominal pain.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

19th September 1979

Revered Master,

I have received one copy of Mr. Jean-Michel Piquemal's letter from Paris, France dated 4th September addressed to you. I am surprised to see from his letter to you that Mr. Andre Poray has retired from Mission work. If that be the case, a substitute to be nominated preceptor-in-charge of the Mission in France must be selected and nominated.

I would suggest that Mr. Jean-Michel Piquemal should be made the preceptor-in-charge in France and Mr. Patrick Fleury nominated the Secretary of the Mission in France, if this has your approval.

In para 4 of his letter he mentions that five preceptors were chosen to form a committee. I think the committee is all right as it stands and Mr. Jean-Michel Piquemal should be the head of the committee.

Generally I have found Jean-Michel's views are very sound and sincere and his work should be supported by you in writing. I am replying to him today as per copy enclosed, and would be grateful if you could write to him a letter after going through what he has written.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
19th September 1979

Mr. Jean-Michel Piquemal
Nice, France

Dear brother,

Thank you for your letter of September 14th with a copy of your letter to Master dated 4th September. I have not been in touch with the Mission in France at all because I have not received any correspondence or any activity reports for a very long time. Therefore I cannot comment immediately about the situation. But generally it is the Mission practice that the Preceptor-in-charge of a country as well as the Secretary of the Mission in that country are responsible for the Mission's work. You say that Andre Poray has resigned from his responsibilities. I do not know whether Master is aware of this. I certainly am not.

I shall discuss the whole situation pertaining to the French Mission with Master and see that suitable guidelines are evolved for your guidance.

With love and best wishes to Claire and yourself,

Yours affectionately
Chari

cc. Revered Master

Madras
19th September 1979

Gabi Oberwinder
München, West Germany

Dear Sister,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th September. Just to keep the records straight, my name is P. Rajagopalachari. It is my father who is Dr. C.A. Rajagopalachari.

I note that you and seven other abhyasis from Germany wish to visit Master at Shahjahanpur from 4th to 11th November. This letter will serve to approve your visit on those dates. I am sending a copy of this letter to Master and in case he wishes you to change your dates he will advise you direct. If you do not hear from him, you may take it that your trip is approved. I do not foresee Master being able to go to South Africa before December this year.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately
Chari

cc. Revered Master - for information

Madras
23rd September 1979

Beloved Master,

I trust that this letter finds you in good health and that your weakness etc. are not there. I am sending herewith the minutes of the preceptors meeting held at Tirupati on 2nd August under the Chairmanship of Brother Shri Raghavendra Rao. The points given to him by you are also attached as pages 3 to 5. Please let me know whether I should circulate the points only to our overseas preceptors also. I think it would be useful to them. I await your reply.

Chi. Krishna is well at Madison. By your grace he has secured a University Teaching Assistantship so that I do not have to spend further on him. Here all are well. Only I find that in my job there is no peace or security, and adverse forces seem to be prevailing, along with an attitude of suspicion. My boss's wife is now running the group of companies. You will be sorry to hear that my boss's eldest son Shri T.T. Ranganathan aged 33 expired yesterday. Perhaps you would like to write a letter to my boss. If so here is his address:

Shri T.T. Narasimhan
Chairman, T.T.K. Group of Companies,
6 Cathedral Road,
Madras 600 086

I hope you remember showing me a letter you received from Shri K.C. Narayana. Please ask Brother Jahagirdar about the Tirupati meeting before you reply to it. Perhaps he will be able to tell you in detail all that I told Brother Narayana, as he was there, and as I also told him about my talks in full.

My father's health is better. He is under the treatment of a neurologist at Bangalore. He is here at the moment, and will be going to Bangalore in a week.

The Kollegal centre of the Mission is not receiving any attention from our Bangalore preceptors. Previously Brother B.K. Rajagopal was going there to conduct satsangh once a month. Now this has been stopped. Please instruct Brother Jahagirdar suitably in this matter before he leaves Shahjahanpur. There is a feeling among them that Kollegal is not a real centre. Such feelings should not be there in the minds of preceptors entrusted by the Master with the work of the Mission. Also, abhyasis at Bangalore say that they are not getting individual sittings from the preceptors there. I would be grateful if you kindly advise Brother Jahagirdar suitably in these matters.

There were many things that I wanted to write but I shall reserve them for a personal discussion. I am very worried about many things. Please let me have a clear directive on Sister Kasturi's tours. She wants to be always on the move, and I would like to know from you your views as the expenses are generally incurred by the Mission. It is not healthy to allow a personality cult to develop.

With affectionate pranams, and all my gratitude.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
25th October 1979

My Beloved Master,

I hope and pray that you are in good health. We are quite worried by the frequent report of your weakness, giddiness, etc. I have got the copy of your letter to Shri K.C. Narayana yesterday and shall do whatever is necessary.

I have to inform you that, in all probability, I shall be out of T.T.K. & Co. by the 31st December of this year. The year 1979 has been a very bad one for me full of mental anguish and suffering. There were accusations hurled against me. Somehow by the grace of the Master I was able to prove to my bosses my honesty. However, the antagonism against me has not abated. Last month Mrs. T.T. Narasimhan and their last son Shri T.T. Raghunathan were elected to the Board of Directors of the Virudhunagar company which I have been managing for the last twelve to thirteen years as Executive Director. Yesterday, in a full scale meeting where all the senior executives of the whole T.T.K. group were present, my boss Mr. T.T. Narasimhan announced that his son T.T. Raghunathan would be made the Executive Director within one month and that I should hand over the management of the company to him. He added, "You will continue to be a director for the time being. I am going abroad in a week or so. On my return I shall have a talk with you when we will see where to absorb you." The implications appear to be quite clear. They will probably ask for my retirement by the 31st December.

Under these circumstances I have to rearrange Mission matters in such a way that I can continue the work of the Mission as effortlessly as possible, because as soon as I give up the job, the facilities of car, stenographer, peon, watchman, all will go. The most necessary thing is to open a bank account for the Mission with the Indian Overseas Bank, Sri Ramnagar Branch, 17 D'Monte Colony, Sri Ramnagar, Madras 600 018.

I request you to kindly approve this and let me have a resolution to this effect signed by you, in duplicate. I shall keep the main Mission account with Allahabad Bank (which is six miles away) transferring funds at appropriate intervals from the I.O.B. The I.O.B. Branch at Shri Ramnagar is within two furlongs of my house—hence this request.

I shall be grateful for an early reply.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately
Parthasarathi

P.S. I will complete exactly 25 years service on 31st December 1979. If I had continued for five and a half years more, till I normally retired, I would have been eligible for a monthly pension for life of Rs. 1200/-, which I will now lose.

PR

No. 1778 **Shahjahanpur**
30th October 1979

My dear Parthasarathi,

Your letter dated 25th October 1979 to hand. The condition of my health is the same as it was; weakness is still persisting and often I suffer with giddiness. I want I may be able to put the Mission on very strong foundation, with this view I am proceeding further.

I have not seen any man happy, untouched of the troubles in the world. If one is healthy that is good only for sometime because the spark of trouble troubles him also. When trouble comes it is also not lasting but temporary. A wealthy man is unhappy on account of his riches while the poor is troubled for want of it.

I am so sorry to read about your difficulties but you should not worry about it. When my Zamindari was abolished I was also perplexed but somehow or other with the proper means I overcame it.

For the present I would like you to attend to your affairs in the company very calmly, if it is possible. There is no hurry for transferring the Mission accounts at present simply for the reason of distance, you can avail the facility of having taxi on hire at Mission expense. In future if the need for any such step becomes imperative—we will discuss it and take steps.

I have received a letter from Chi. Krishna. He is very happy there.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
2nd November 1979

My Beloved Master,

I am grateful to you for your kind and affectionate letter No. 1778 of 30th October. I shall try to act as advised. My worries, I clearly see, are all at a superficial level. Yet the habit of worrying has perhaps become too deeply embedded to be thrown off so easily. My only worry is that my exit from T.T.K., whenever it comes, should be an honourable one without any loss of name or reputation—but that too is only in your divine hands! The Mission work shall on no account suffer in any way. Yet I would like you to permit me to have a **second bank** account with I.O.B. as requested. The account with Allahabad bank will be continued, and funds deposited with I.O.B. will be periodically transferred to Allahabad Bank, which will remain the Mission's main account at Madras. It is only for convenience, and to save on transport expenses. I request you to reconsider it and let me have your decision, I am longing to see you, but as time passes I seem to have less and less opportunities of being with you. After a long time I have now received a letter from you. For that I am grateful to the troubles that made me write to you.

As regards Mission work I have been writing to you from time to time, but I do not get any replies, and so I keep quiet. I would be grateful if the office can at least **acknowledge** receipt of my letters so that I know that they have been received.

Here all are well by your grace. My father wishes to have your darshan at Shahjahanpur. He proposes any time that may be suitable to you between 30th November 1979 and end of February 1980. Please let me know what will be suitable.

My job had many attractions for me. Initially it afforded me frequent opportunities of meeting you during my business visits to Bareilly. That stopped. The office afforded, and still affords me, the opportunity of attending to correspondence, etc. including banking operations. Now it seems as if that too will stop. It is all by your will alone that things happen, and I shall accept events in that manner and spirit. I pray to you to give me the spiritual strength for this.

Chi. Krishna is well by your grace. He has introduced some of his friends to the Sahaj Marg practice at Madison. I am glad that he is writing to you.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 1864

Shahjahanpur
15th November 1979

My dear Parthasarathi,

Your letters dated 2nd November 1979 and 7th November 1979 to hand. Your former letter is full of love and affection. When I think of myself I find enormous worries surrounding me. A person who has devotedly served the establishment Nature protects his honour.

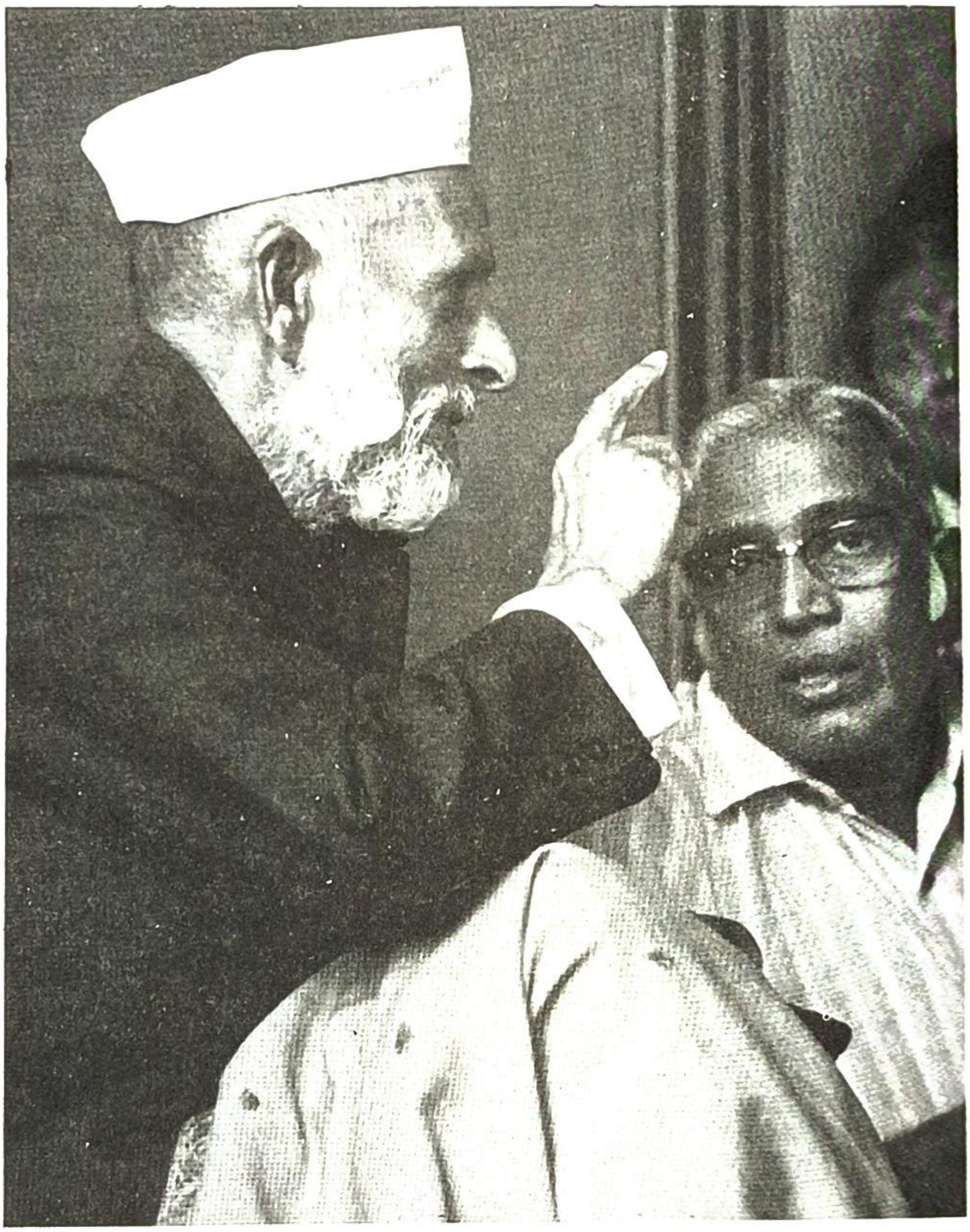
I agree when you feel so for opening of second bank account of the Mission with I.O.B. But I want you to wait for this till Basant. Let us not act in haste.,

Your proposal to increase the delegate fee during Utsava to Rs. 50/-, I feel that this amount may be heavy for many abhyasis, therefore let it remain Rs. 30/- this year also.

The Utsava dates are 21, 22 and 23rd January 1980. Please issue the circular asking for the required information, the centres be asked to endorse the copy to headquarters also.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra



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9th January 1980

Revered and Beloved Master,

I request your kind permission to place before you the following matter.

A German gentleman aged 61 years, named Mr. Andreas Lubke came to see us on Tuesday 5th January 1980. He arrived from Tiruvannamalai at about 4 P.M. with a post card from Shahjahanpur office giving him my address as his introduction. He wanted a sitting, which my father gave. Since it was late by then, he requested permission to stay for the night, and stayed with us. Subsequently his stay was extended till this morning.

On Wednesday 7th evening, when I was giving a sitting to two abhyasis, he also joined in. Ten minutes after the sitting commenced, I felt an overpowering surge of emotion. It was as if I was being submerged under the waves of the ocean. Tears came into my eyes, and persisted for nearly ten minutes, in spite of my efforts to control myself. Then suddenly a powerful thought came into my mind that this person had been my father in my past life! It was unbelievably powerful and totally convincing. Later that evening I again gave a sitting to a group of about ten persons, and Mr. Lubke again sat for meditation. Again I was overpowered with emotion, and tears came into my eyes followed by the conviction that he had been my father in the previous life.

Yesterday evening I gave him an individual sitting when again the same thing happened. This morning he left for

Tiruvannamalai, from where he goes to Sri Lanka, and then home to Germany. When I came home from the office and saw that he had left, I was again overpowered by emotion, and a powerful loneliness seized me. I have never seen this person before he came on Tuesday. Even then I felt no emotion or even interest in him, other than what I feel in any strange abhyasi. This experience has been so powerful and emotional, and so utterly convincing that I felt I must bring it to your attention, and request your kind clarification.

Mr. Lubke has met you in Shahjahanpur in 1976 after casually meeting one of our abhyasis in Allahabad. I pray for your kind reply.

With Pranams at your holy feet.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

12th January 1980

Mr. Andre F. Rombout
Groningen, Holland

My Dear Brother,

It has been our Revered Master's wish to strengthen the working of the Mission in Holland. To achieve this end it has been felt desirable to appoint a Secretary of the Mission in Holland to take charge of the organisational and administrative work in consultation with the Preceptor-in-charge, brother Jan Van Den Beemt.

It is Master's wish that you should kindly agree to take over this portfolio. I am grateful to you for agreeing to take over this position and to strengthen the Mission work in your country. You are hereby appointed the Secretary of the

Mission in Holland. I wish you all the best and pray for Master's guidance in your work.

Yours affectionately,

P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master
cc. Mr. Jan Van Den Beemt

Madras
6th February 1980

Beloved Master,

I sincerely hope that the improvement in your health is being maintained. You have to prepare yourself for the proposed overseas tour in May, I request you to take maximum nourishment and rest.

Since Chi. Krishna is away, and since my father can be looked after by my brother Kothandram and his family at Bangalore, I am thinking of bringing Bari Bahu Sulochana to Europe when we go there in May. This is of course only if you approve of this. I feel her presence will also be helpful, and she also will not feel lonely all alone at home for six weeks. I shall of course bear her expenses.

I request you to kindly let me have your reply as early as possible to enable me to make all the necessary arrangements. I am submitting her passport application in the next few days.

I await your kind reply.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

7th February 1980

Dr. Med. H. Gangloff
Munich, West Germany

Dear Hanns,

During Basant I have discussed Master's tour programme and we are proposing to leave Delhi for Copenhagen on the 3rd May 1980 morning at 2 A.M. reaching Copenhagen perhaps around 7 o'clock on the morning of the same day local time. Master will spend ten days there and I expect we will reach Munich on the 13th. I shall confirm this in due course or you will hear direct from Mr. Jens Clausen at Denmark.

Thank you for your long letter indicating Master's health condition. I agree with you regarding the proposed stay at Mrs. Tilde Michels' house. If at all you wish to have a public meeting, it would be on Sunday the 18th May evening at 6 P.M. as I understand from Dr. Heinrich that the three or four days preceding that date are holidays and most people will be out on vacation. Dr. Heinrich has offered to write to a professor friend of his to arrange for an auditorium in the University where the meeting could be held.

I also propose that we should have a meeting of the European Council as well as Preceptors' meeting or if you would prefer it you could combine the two into one. For this perhaps, Monday the 19th can be set apart at a suitable place. If you agree with this suggestion, you may send letters as the Convener of the European Council to all preceptors-in-charge and secretaries indicating date and time. I look forward to your reply to finalise these arrangements.

With love to Karin and you,

Yours affectionately,
Chari

cc. Mr. Jens Clausen, Denmark
cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur

No. 2461 **15th February 1980**

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter dated 6th February 1980. If Bahu desires to see the countries she can do this. I like this idea.

Chi. Umesh again is suffering from pain. Please pray for him.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Camp Madurai
Wednesday 12th March 1980

My Beloved Master,

I hope you are keeping well and that the improvement in your health is being maintained.

I had gone to Coimbatore to participate in Master's Birth Anniversary Celebrations there. The function was a greatly spiritual one. Brother R. Seshadriji had also come.

On Saturday 9th March 1980, Shri Seshadri conducted the group satsangh from 7:30 A.M. to 8:05 A.M. At about 7:35 A.M. I went into deep meditation. I saw a light like the sun rising on the horizon. A brilliant spot of white light appeared. This continued to grow, till it became about one-third inch in diameter. It was brilliantly white, but not at all dazzling. The sky was cloudy. The spot of light disappeared. The clouds in the sky appeared to undulate—like the wavy motion of the sea surface. A place opened in the clouds, and a broad river of transmission flowed straight into my heart. This flow lasted for about fifteen minutes. I was in deep meditation, but there was no feeling of ecstasy. When this flow, which was more like a small waterfall falling into my heart, stopped, the point of brilliant light appeared again, and went on growing and expanding till it reached, in my vision, the size of a 50 paise coin. I dived deeper and deeper. Suddenly the thought came to my mind that I was crossing the 4th ring. This soon became a conviction. The whole experience lasted for about twenty minutes. Then I reverted to normal meditation condition.

After the satsangh I privately told Shri Seshadri about the above experience. **I did not tell him** about my thought of having crossed the **4th ring**.

He said, "The transmission was going almost entirely to one individual to my left. I found it was you. You were fast expanding in the region you are in. I felt you have crossed the 4th or the 5th circle."

Dear Master, I request you to comment on this and confirm whether my reading of having crossed the 4th ring (identical reading of Brother Shri Seshadri) is correct.

With all Love, and Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 2806 **Shahjahanpur**
27th March 1980

My Dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter. I shall reply to it later on, after a few days.

I am happy to see that you are in touch with The Divine. It is self-explanatory and good.

I am better in health.

With Love and Blessings.

GOOD, GOOD & GOOD.... BUT IT IS STILL FAR OFF.

Yours affectionately,

Ram Chandra

P.S. Yesterday, we have sent Rs. 32,000/- to Bangalore centre, and Rs. 16,000/- to Tirupati centre; and are left with Rs. 10,000/- only in our building fund account.

RC

7th April 1980

Beloved Master,

Thank you for your affectionate letter which arrived a few days ago. The contents were no doubt stimulating, but I am eagerly awaiting the promised second letter to clarify the remarks in the first letter. I hope that I shall have it within the next few days.

The revised European tour programme is attached. You will note that we shall return to Delhi at 3:30 A.M. on Friday 13th June 1980. I hope that as usual after a foreign tour you will go direct to Madras to rest for a few weeks. I therefore am planning the Madras trip on Saturday 14th June, departure Delhi at about 6 P.M., arriving Madras at about 9:30 or so in the evening. Chi. Umesh, who is going on leave from the 26th of this month, will be back at Madras by the 7th of June, and will be here to receive you on arrival.

I shall be grateful to have your kind confirmation of this plan so that I can make arrangements for the tickets etc.

If you wish, we can leave for Madras the same day that we arrive, i.e. 13th June, so that we shall be at Madras in the evening.

I request an early reply.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

Rev. Master's European Tour Programme

Dep. Delhi	Saturday 3rd May 1980 at 1:30 by SK 972
Arr. Copenhagen	Saturday 3rd May 1980 at 6:05
	Address: c/o Palle Kousgaard, Ehlersvej 7 DK 2900 Hellerup Denmark
	Phone No. (01) 62 96 19
Dep. Copenhagen	Tuesday 13th May 1980 at 14:40 by SK 635
Arr. Munich	Tuesday 13th May 1980 at 17:40
	Address: c/o Dr. (med) Hanns Gangloff Munich 80 W. Germany
	Phone: (xxx) xx xx xx
Dep. Munich	Thursday 29th May 1980 at 18:15 by SK 636
Arr. Copenhagen	Thursday 29th May 1980 21:20
	Address and phone number the same as for the first period in Denmark.
Dep. Copenhagen	Thursday 12th June 1980 at 15:00 by SK 971
Arr. Delhi	Friday 13th June 1980 at 3:30

No. 2901

Shahjahanpur
10th April 1980

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 7th April.

The European tour programme attached with your letter is noted and approved.

This time there are so many difficulties about certain problems which should be solved soon here, and sooner I return to Shahjahanpur, the better. Hence I will not be able to undertake the Madras trip now.

Regarding your question whether you have crossed the fourth ring, it is getting my full attention, and we will discuss it when we meet.

We are reaching Delhi on 28th afternoon by car.

With Blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Camp Madurai
Wednesday 16th April 1980

My Beloved Master,

Bari Bahu telephoned yesterday from Madras and read out your letter. It is a great disappointment to me that you will not come to Madras after completion of your European tour. It is two years since you last came to Madras. Problems are there, and will always be there. Many small problems have become big ones because they were not solved in time. If you will trust at least a few persons, everything can be set right.

Chi. Umesh told me only last week that this year you will not come to Madras. He is now correct, it seems. He feels neglected, and I request you to give him at least as much attention as you give to the others. He needs it, and deserves it, being your son.

I am here till Saturday. On Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th April I shall participate in Master's Birth Anniversary Celebrations at Thanjavur, and return to Madras by 8 P.M. of Sunday evening.

We all leave Madras on Saturday 26th April by Grand Trunk Express, and will arrive at Delhi on Monday 28th April morning.

With Pranams.

P.S. I do not like the idea of your travelling in this hot weather by car to Delhi. Abhyasis, in their anxiety to please you and serve you, do not seem to regard or pay attention to what **should** be done and **how** it should be done.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Camp München
24th May 1980

Brigitte Smith
Munich

Dear Sister,

I have been thinking over your matters for the last few days, and I very much want that you should mould yourself in such a way that I may be able to permit you to start the work as a Prefect again, in the interest of the abhyasis of Munich as well as yourself. The character of a person is of the highest importance and my Master always emphasised the importance of morality for a person following the spiritual path.

My help is always available to my associates and I am looking forward to the day when I may be able to permit you to start the work again after proper moulding has been effected.

It will be helpful for you to have cleaning from the preceptors in Munich, and Dr. Gangloff is also available for this purpose to help you.

You should continue the practice properly and with devotion so that the changes that are necessary may take place at the earliest.

With Blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

cc. Parthasarathi

24th June 1980

My Beloved Master,

Ever since we left you at Shahjahanpur I have been deeply concerned for your health and well being, and I have been anxiously awaiting some information from you, but no letters have been received till date. I do hope that you are now perfectly well, and pray for your long life and health for the well being of the Mission and the thousands of abhyasis all over the world who look to you for their spiritual future. Please let me have a reply as early as possible.

We had discussed many things in Europe and you had also taken some decisions which I set out hereunder for purposes of record.

1. Overseas abhyasis will be permitted to come in batches of twenty-five at a time, and they will be permitted to stay for a minimum of fifteen days at a time, at Shahjahanpur.

2. As far as our own abhyasis of India are concerned, it was decided that permissions for visits will be issued in such a way that there are not less than fifty abhyasis present at Shahjahanpur at any time. Indian abhyasis will be permitted to stay for a minimum of fifteen days at a time.

These decisions were taken to ensure that the facilities created at Shahjahanpur ashram complex are utilised well as otherwise the money spent is a waste, and fittings etc. are likely to rust.

3. All administrative matters will be forwarded to the General Secretary for attention. This will include decisions on construction of ashrams, purchase of land, etc., all of which will be routed to me for attention. Wherever I consider it necessary to have your advice or instructions, it will be for me to approach you direct in the matter. **Kindly have a circular issued to all centres covering this matter, under your signature.**

4. You had decided to write to Sister Kasturi Jijji regarding visits by her to centres of the Mission in India. I trust you will kindly attend to this.

5. You had also decided that Brother Raghavendra Rao will not visit USA and this decision was conveyed by you personally to Brother William Waycott at Europe. Brother Raghavendra Rao may be advised suitably in this connection. It was your decision that there can be no **personal visits** of this nature, and this may please be stated clearly to Brother Shri Raghavendra Rao in your letter.

6. You have instructed me to see that in future all books in English are printed only at Madras. This will be followed.

Regarding visits to Shahjahanpur, as per items 2 and 3 above, a notice may please be printed in the July issue of the *Patrika* using the same words as given above, if approved.

I eagerly await your kind reply.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

7th July 1980

Revered Master,

I trust you are in good health. I have to shortly circulate information about next year's celebration of the Master's birthday at Malaysia on 30th April 1981. I assume that you would be attending it personally. Your total absence from India will be restricted to one week. I am planning that you will be flying from Madras to Kuala Lumpur and back. I think that you would be able to stand such a short trip particularly as the flight is only approximately three hours duration which is just a little more than Madras - Delhi flying time. As soon as I receive your confirmation that you would be attending the celebration, I shall circulate this information to all centres.

Naturally no abhyasis of the Mission in India will go to Kuala Lumpur for the celebration unless you are there. Hence I urgently need your reply in this matter.

Do you want a book to be prepared and published covering your recent visit to Europe? If so, I have to start on this. Kindly let me know your decision.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Confidential

18th July 1980

My Beloved Master,

Chi. Umesh told me that he has recently received a letter from you saying that you will not come to Madras. Naturally we are all most disappointed to hear this, and Chi. Umesh is also quite upset about it. I think he is justified in expecting you to share your time fairly between your sons. And then there are your other sons—the sons of spirituality who also want you here. I pray you to come here, if only for ten days, some time in August or September.

We are all very worried about Chi. Krishna. He telephoned on the 1st July to say that his university authorities are insisting that he should get higher marks for a pass than is required under the rules of the university. He has appealed to the university against such a requirement being imposed only upon him. I have not heard from him after that. He appeared very deeply worried, and said that if the university did not accept his petition favourably, then he may have to leave the university and try to complete his education elsewhere. The alternative is to come back home. All this is only if the university turns down his appeal. I do not know if he has written to you about this. Anyway we are all very worried, and I suppose we shall continue to be worried until we get some good news from him. Naturally our dependence is upon our Master, and we pray to you to help Krishna in this hour of trial.

My own affairs continue to be most uncertain, and it requires an act of will to go to the office each day. I feel unneeded, and feel that I have been put aside to one side. I am continuing only because you have asked me to continue. I feel that it is also telling upon my health. It is very difficult to have to go daily to a place where the atmosphere is one of either hostility or of total indifference. Only you can find a solution to my situation. I pray for your help and guidance. It is demeaning for me to continue where I am unwanted.

I hope that you will reply at least to this letter. I have got used to the idea that you will not reply to my letters, yet I hope for one this time. Bari Bahu sends her devoted pranams. Father is well and hopes to come for your darshan next month end.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 3440

Shahjahanpur
19th July 1980

To: Shri P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

My dear Brother,

Received your affectionate letter dated 7th July 1980.

Since you wish that I should attend the Malaysia function on 30th April 1981, I will attend.

My general health is satisfactory although weakness and stomach pain are there

You may write a book on my recent tour to Europe, as suggested.

Q. Why people in higher stages develop shortcomings?
Answer:

1. Lack of co-operation on the part of an abhyasi.
2. Along with the progress, the idea of his own greatness in mind is there.
3. Along with the progress, the idea of self-importance is there instead of surrender and submission.

If these things are removed, the way is clear. There can be other reasons also but above are the main things.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
22nd July 1980

Mr. K.V. Reddy
Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

My dear brother,

I am happy to inform you that our beloved Master by his letter dated 19th July has confirmed that he will visit Malaysia for the Birthday celebrations to be held on 30th April 1981. I shall now circulate this information to all the centres after I receive your answers to the following questions:

1. I anticipate Rev. Master accompanied by his own personal attendants (my wife and myself) will arrive on 28th April. It is likely we will be accompanied by a maximum of seventy to one hundred Indian abhyasis. Where do you propose putting up the abhyasis and for how long?
2. The visiting abhyasis would naturally like to go to Singapore. Do you intend making arrangements for their stay, food, etc. It should be from 2nd May to 5th May. If it is not possible, please give a definite "no" as your answer, so that abhyasis will then have to manage themselves.
3. If you are going to publish a Souvenir in Malaysia, I shall send out requests for articles to be submitted to me so that I can edit them and pass it on to you by the end of November. Please state your intentions in this matter.
4. You should invite abhyasis from Bangladesh, Bangkok, Indonesia and Japan and such other places in the Far East and estimate their number preferably by writing to them and ascertain their intention to participate.
5. Where will you be holding the celebrations. Will it be Klang or Kuala Lumpur? Please specify.
6. Please let me have a programme, however tentative it may be, covering the celebrations.

I trust Bairbre and Kumar have arrived. Our love to both of them.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master - for information.

No. 3472 **Shahjahanpur**
23rd July 1980

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter of 18th July. I have full sympathy with Chi. Krishna and I will do what I can do for him. I have started prayer. I wish that you also pray so that the task may become easy.

There are circumstances which put me to worries. It is not that I will not come to Madras. Whenever I find myself free, I will write to you.

Your father is welcome but not in the month of August. Some date in September may be fixed by you after consulting me.

Regarding my health, pain in the stomach is going on.

Umesh again is suffering with pain. Now I do not know what I should do for his treatment.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

30th July 1980

Beloved Master,

I am grateful to you for your affectionate letter of the 23rd and for the love and affection that it shows for Chi. Krishna. I do not know how to thank you for all that you are doing for us. I am however sorry to say that his university has turned down his appeal. He telephoned this morning at 4:15 A.M. to say so. He has applied for admission to the University of Syracuse, where he had originally secured admission, and is hopeful of getting in there, though it might mean having to stay at least one extra semester of six months, and additional expense of up to Rs. 40,000/- for me. Whatever happens, it will be for the best. I have no doubt on this. My only prayer to you is to see that Chi. Krishna does not suffer any serious shock to his self-image as a result of this turn in his affairs. I pray to you to look after him.

I am going to Gulbarga on the 14th and will be back here on the 18th morning. Today Shri Channabasappa conveyed to me over the phone Shri Sarnadji's approval to my visit. I have been there only once, I think it was in 1968 with you, and this is just a visit to see Sarnadji and spend some time with him.

Chi. Umesh is well. We meet at least three or four times a week in my office. He is getting a few offers of good jobs in Delhi, but I have advised him to stay on here as that appears to be your wish.

My father's health is showing good improvement. I have told him to plan a visit to you only in September after consulting you.

With my heart full of love and devotion for you,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

2nd August 1980

My Beloved Master,

I am very happy to hear from Brother V.S. Narayanan, who returned a few days ago, that you are in the best of health—though you are writing that you are still feeling some pain occasionally. I hope that the pain is nothing to worry about, as the tests in Munich have shown positively that you are not ill in any way.

Chi. Umesh is passing through some troubled times, as a sort of attack is being mounted on him, by the General Manager who seems intent on getting him out of the company. At least this is the feeling that Chi. Umesh has for the past few months. The tension is mounting day by day and he is very worried. The last two days have been very difficult for him. I personally feel that they will not take any extreme step of terminating his service or anything like that, but Chi. Umesh is not in agreement with me. He feels, and is afraid, that the worst can happen.

I pray to you to set the situation right at the earliest. I am leaving for Madurai tomorrow and will be back only on 9th August. There is no further news from Chi. Krishna. I continue to be worried about his future, and naturally his mother is also sleepless over this matter. I know that whatever happens will be for the best, yet the worries persists.

I shall keep you informed of further developments, but pray to you for your help for Chi. Umesh.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Shahjahanpur
22nd August 1980

My dear Parthasarathi,

I am happy to inform you that Shri Sarvesh Chandra's wife has delivered a female child on 19th August 1980 at 8:03 A.M.

The *dasthaun* will be celebrated on 28th August 1980.

You are cordially invited to participate in the occasion and bless the child and parents.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

26th August 1980

Revered Master,

We are all happy to know from your postcard dated 22nd August that Chi. Sarvesh Chandra has been blessed with a female child on 19th August at 8:03 A.M. Many thanks for your kind invitation to attend the *dasthaun* function and we pray to you to bless the child and parents in all ways.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

16th September 1980

Beloved Master,

I hope you are well. I am sorry to inform you that my father has cancelled his Shahjahanpur trip under medical advice. Last month he had gone on a ten day visit to Nellore, Kavali, Tirupati and Chittoor centres, and returned quite sick with fever, diarrhoea and vomiting. He recovered after a week but his feet and ankles were swollen. Now his right leg has sores like ulcers—something like eczema, and the legs are still swollen and painful. He cannot walk much and so a long journey is at the moment beyond his physical capacity. He will request you for permission to visit him later.

Autobiography is in the press for 2nd edition. Simultaneously I am being busy with writing the new book about your recent European tour. So I am quite occupied these days.

I pray to you to help my father with his problems. I have the feeling that he is nervous about meeting you. A letter from you to him will cheer him up immensely. Please look after your health.

With Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. 4263

27th September 1980

Dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 23rd September 1980. I am pleased to permit thirty abhyasis of your centre to visit our ashram from 20th October 1980 for about ten days as a special case. You, your father and dear Bahu are always welcome.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

1st October 1980

Beloved Master,

I am grateful to you for your postcard dated 27th September granting permission for a group of abhyasis to visit Shahjahanpur for about ten days from the 20th October. I attach the list of abhyasis which may kindly be passed on to the Ashram Manager for information.

An abhyasi, Shri G. Krishna Murthy, c/o Krishna Bros, Paper Merchants, book sellers and stationers, 67/86 Old Post Office Road, Kurnool (A.P.) 518 001, has sent a demand draft for Rs. 500/- to be sent to you as his offering at your holy feet. The draft CW 025502 dated 25th September, drawn on Shahjahanpur State Bank of India, is attached. Please acknowledge receipt.

For the past few weeks I am feeling very depressed. I am unable to know the cause for this. Chi. Krishna has joined the University of Syracuse at Syracuse, and has taken the course "Industrial Management". He is getting on well by your grace. My father has gone to Bangalore and will therefore not be coming to Shahjahanpur with us.

The new book covering your European tour is almost over as far as the writing is concerned. It will go to the press as soon as the *Autobiography,* second edition, is completed—by mid October I hope. I am also hoping to complete printing third edition of *Voice Real,* Part I, by the end of December. The title of the new book will be *The Garden of Hearts*. I hope that you like it. The price will be Rs. 20/- per copy.

I am longing to be with you.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,

Parthasarathi

Camp Madurai
8th October 1980

Beloved Master,

I hope you are well. Two abhyasis of France are coming to you on 10th morning—Evelyn Combe and her husband Yvon Combe. Yvon is a preceptor and also the Secretary of the Mission in France. He has much to discuss with you before he attends a gathering of French abhyasis in November. You know the developments in France. It is essential that Yvon should be fully briefed by you on how to keep the Mission in France unified and truly Sahaj Marg. He has written for permission to visit you on two separate letters but has had no reply. Indeed this has become a complaint very common these days. I do hope that Brother Shri Raizada is regular in his service to you.

I am sending the typescript of *The Garden of Hearts* written by me covering your recent European tour through Yvon. The work of writing was commenced on 3rd September and completed on 4th October. It will go to the press as soon as I return to Madras on 12th October.

There are many things I have to discuss with you when I come to your holy feet on 20th October. I am eagerly awaiting the same.

With Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Formation of Zones

Dated 2nd November 1980

In the interest of the proper development of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, it is expedient to organise the activities of the Mission in the following manner:

1. All the centres of the Mission within the ambit of this country shall be placed under Zones.
2. The entire country, for the present, shall be divided into eight zones consisting as noted below:
   Zone 1 - Andhra and Orissa
   Zone 2 - Tamil Nadu and Kerala
   Zone 3 - Karnataka and Maharashtra
   Zone 4 - Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan
   Zone 5 - Uttar Pradesh
   Zone 6 - Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir
   Zone 7 - Bengal and Bihar
   Zone 8 - Assam and other adjoining states.

N.B. All the training centres falling in the states noted above shall come under the purview of the respective zones as indicated earlier.

3. Every zone shall be represented through a person designated as "Zonal Secretary".
4. The functions of the Zonal Secretaries shall be:
   i. to watch the activities of the centres under his charge for smooth running.
   ii. to advise preceptors about ways and means to promulgate the ideals of the Mission under the Sahaj Marg system.
   iii. to look after the development of the Mission activities and take such steps as are necessary for the purpose and advise HQ if necessary.
   iv. to assist in the general working of the Mission in the zone and promote brotherly relationship.
   v. to maintain co-ordination between the centres in his zone with the HQ and with other zones of the Mission.

vi. to maintain the discipline in the centres of the zone with a view to bring about all round harmony.

vii. to see that the Financial and Accounting Rules and Procedures of the Mission are properly regulated.

viii. to report the entire activities to the President regularly once a month at least.

ix. to look to the compliance of the various orders of the HQ

5. The Zonal Secretaries will:

    i. have all the powers necessary to carry out the above functions.

    ii. reimburse to himself the expenses incurred in discharge of the above functions. (The reimbursement can be claimed by him from the respective centres under his charge.)

    iii. in the event of organising functions at the Zonal levels obtain the prior approval of the President.

6. The Zonal Secretaries shall be under the direct charge of the President. The Zonal Secretaries shall, however, send a copy of their monthly report to the General Secretary also. The President's decision shall be final in all matters in case of controversy, if any.

7. The following persons shall be the Zonal Secretaries till further orders:

Dr. V. Parthasarathi, Vijayawada	Zone 1
Shri K. Mahalingam, Chingleput (T.N.)	Zone 2
Shri S.A. Sarnad, Gulbarga	Zone 3
Shri Devram Chavda, Navsari	Zone 4
Prof. Laxmi Shanker, Allahabad	Zone 5
Shri Yogendra Kumar Gupta, Meerut	Zone 6
Vacant for the present	Zone 7
Shri Raghubir Prasad, Tinsukia	Zone 8

The Zonal Secretaries can be changed by the President.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:- the General Secretary, Shri Ram Chandra Mission; the Zonal Secretaries; all the preceptors of the Mission in India.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

No. P **Shahjahanpur**
2nd November 1980

General Secretary - Functions

By virtue of the powers vested in me under the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Mission, I hereby formally lay down that the General Secretary of Shri Ram Chandra Mission shall carry out the following functions in addition to the duties mentioned in the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Mission:

1. To apprise and take approval of the Working Committee on organisational matters necessary in the interest of the Mission.
2. To execute and implement the policies of the Mission decided upon by the Working Committee and approved by the President and to execute the orders of the President to him from time to time.
3. To put up plans for the expansion and consolidation of the Mission's activities in the Light of Sahaj Marg before the Working Committee.
4. To put up an annual budget for the Mission along with the annual report before the Working Committee.
5. To see that the expenses of the Mission at various centres are being rightly utilised for the purposes of the Mission and administer the financial and accounting rules and procedures.

6. To bring about administrative co-ordination amongst Zones and Headquarters of the Mission.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Circulated by order of the President, to the General Secretary, the members of the Working Committee and Zonal Secretaries.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shahjahanpur
2nd November 1980

Joint Secretary - Functions

By virtue of the powers vested in me under the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Shri Ram Chandra Mission, I hereby formally lay down that the Joint Secretary of the Mission shall carry out the following functions in addition to the duties mentioned in the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Mission:

1. To execute and implement the policies of the Mission decided upon by the Working Committee and approved by the President in co-ordination with the General Secretary of the Mission and to execute the orders of the President to him from time to time.
2. To assist in putting up plans for the expansion and consolidation of the Mission's activities before the Working Committee.
3. To manage the affairs and functioning of the ashram at the headquarters in accordance with the spirit of the Mission.
4. To look after the smooth running of the press of the Mission.

5. To help in the administration of the financial and accounting rules and procedures of the Mission.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Circulated by the order of the President, to the General Secretary, to the Joint Secretary and to the members of the Working Committee.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shahjahanpur
2nd November 1980

Secretary Overseas Centres

In the interest of proper and co-ordinated development of the activities of the Shri Ram Chandra Mission abroad and by virtue of the powers vested in the President under the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Mission, I hereby create an office of "Secretary Overseas Centres".

A. He shall carry out the following functions:
   1. To work for co-ordination and smooth running of the centres abroad.
   2. To look after the development of the activities of the Mission in the light of Sahaj Marg and apprise the President.
   3. To assist in the general working of the activities of the Mission abroad and promote brotherly relations.
   4. To report to the President about the entire activities regularly once in a quarter.
   5. To look to the compliance of the various orders of the President.

B. The Secretary Overseas Centres shall be under the direct charge of the President. He shall, however, send a copy of his reports to the General Secretary of the Mission also. The President's decision shall be final in all matters.

C. Shri K. V. Reddy, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) is hereby appointed for the said office of "Secretary-Overseas" of Shri Ram Chandra Mission and to continue till further orders.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:- Shri K.V. Reddy, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia); the General Secretary, Shri Ram Chandra Mission for information; all preceptors of the Mission abroad.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

6th November 1980

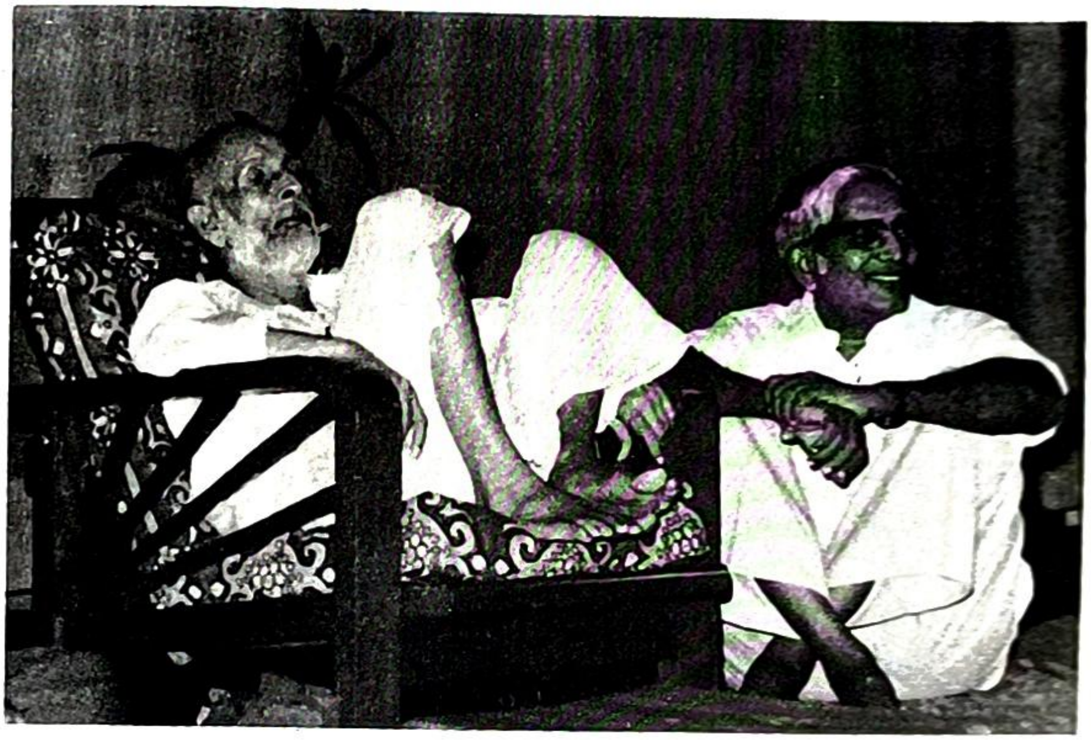
To:
The General Secretary, Shri Ram Chandra Mission
The Zonal Secretaries
All the preceptors of the Mission in India

Clarification

To safeguard against any possibility of ambiguity or misinterpretation with regard to the appointment of Zonal Secretaries, the President is pleased to clarify that the position of the General Secretary of Shri Ram Chandra Mission continues to be unaffected by these new appointments.

Circulated by order of the President.

Secretary to the President
J.R.K. Raizada



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16th January 1981

My dear Parthasarthi,

Your confidential letter of 9th January 1981 received on 12th January 1981, when I was in Lucknow. On return from there Revered Master dictated the reply which is:

"Mr. A. Lubke was not a good man in the previous life. His whole body was black like coal-tar. He had a married life. He was not a bad man on the whole. He was a black magician. If that condition is increased he will become very ferocious.

"This is incorrect that he had been your father in the previous life. You belonged to High Caste, as such there is no question of your having any relationship with him.

"There is a point over the eyebrow, as a charging of this point tears roll down. This can happen also by the influx of emotions.

"Further if you felt necessary. You may ask anything again but much importance be not given to such experience, they come and go."

The letter reply have been kept strictly confidential. You can reply upon me, I assure you.

I am also enclosing a copy of tour programme of Master to South Africa.

With blessings from Revered Babuji and my love

Yours affectionately,

Jaggan

Ref: FAPR/1 **Shahjahanpur**
14th February 1981

From No. 4
Under Rule 2(16)
Appointment of Preceptors in Charge

The President hereby appoints the following persons as 'Preceptor-in-charge' of Shri Ram Chandra Mission Accounting Centres given against their name within the meaning of Shri Ram Chandra Mission Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules 1981, with effect from 14th February 1981.

1. Shri C. Rajagopalan	Ahmedabad
2. Shri Prof Lakshmi Shankar	Allahabad
3. Shri M.D. Jahagirdar	Bangalore
4. Shri R. Ramachandra Reddy	Cuddapah
5. Shri S.A. Sarnad	Gulbarga
6. Shri H. Joga Rao	Hyderabad
7. Shri Narain Sahai	Kanpur
8. Shri Nasib Chand	Lucknow
9. Shri P. Rajagopalachari	Madras
10. Shri Thasmaswamy	Madurai
11. Shri K. Ramachandra Reddy	Nellore
12. Shri Devram Chavda	Navsari
13. Shri Raghavendra Rao	Raichur
14. Shri Dr. Chandrika Prasad	Roorkee
15. Shri K.K. Srivastava	Sitapur
16. Shri Dr. G. Kuppuswamy	Tirupati
17. Shri Raghubir Prasad	Tinsukia
18. Shri T.N. Ramaswamy	Tiruchirapalli
19. Shri Dr. V. Parthasarathi	Vijayawada
20. Shri Dr. V.S.R. Murthy, Sahaj Marg Research Institute,	Tirupati

21. Shri Rajeshwar Prasad Mathur will be appointed as Preceptor-in-charge Delhi, after his appointment as a 'Preceptor'.

They shall carry out the functions assigned for Preceptor-in-charge under the said rules as applicable.

The appointment can be revoked by the President at any time.

The signatures of these persons in token of acceptance will be placed on record by the Secretary to the President.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:- Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras; all Zonal Secretaries; Joint Secretary.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: FAPR/2 **Shahjahanpur**
14th February 1981

Till further orders, the 'Authorised Person' referred to in the "S.R.C.M. Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules 1981" shall be the Joint Secretary of the Mission at headquarters, Shri Kashi Ramji.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:-

1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras
2. Shri Kashi Ramji, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur

3. The Zonal Secretaries

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: FAPR/3

Shahjahanpur
15th February 1981

Form No. 13 (Under Rule 7(3))
Authority for Operating the Bank Account

I hereby authorise the following persons of the centres given against their names to operate the savings account with the bank, of the Mission, existing at the said centres, as per Shri Ram Chandra Mission Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules 1981, jointly or individually with the President:

1. Shri C. Rajagopalan, Ahmedabad - Bank of Baroda, Navrangpura Branch.
2. Prof. Lakshmi Shankar, Allahabad - Allahabad Bank, Alopi Bagh Branch.
3. Shri M.D. Jahagirdar, Bangalore - State Bank of Mysore and Allahabad Bank.
4. Shri R. Ramachandra Reddy, Cuddapah - for the account to be opened there at the Union Bank of India.
5. Shri S.A. Sarnad, Gulbarga - Syndicate Bank Stn Bazar and State Bank of Hyderabad, Super Market Branch.
6. Shri H. Joga Rao, Hyderabad - Andhra Bank, Gagan Mahal Road Branch.
7. Shri Narain Sahai, Kanpur - Allahabad Bank.
8. Shri Nasib Chand, Lucknow - Allahabad Bank.
9. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras - Allahabad Bank, Mount Road.

10. Shri K. Ramachandra Reddy, Nellore - for the account to be opened.
11. Shri Thasmaswamy, Madurai - for the account to opened.
12. Shri Devram Chavda, Navsari - Bank of Baroda, Panch Haidi Branch.
13. Shri Raghavendra Rao, Raichur - The Vysya Bank Limited.
14. Shri Dr. Chandrika Prasad, Roorkee - State Bank of India, University of Roorkee Branch.
15. Shri K.K. Srivastava, Sitapur - for the account to be opened there.
16. Shri Dr. G. Kuppuswamy, Tirupati - The Tirupati Co-op Bank.
17. Shri Raghubir Prasad, Tinsukia - United Commercial Bank.
18. Capt. T.N. Ramaswamy, Tiruchirapalli - Tiruchirapalli Central Co-op Bank.
19. Shri Dr. V. Parthasarathi, Vijayawada - Central Bank of India, Governerpet.
20. Shri Rajeshwar Prasad Mathur, Delhi - Allahabad Bank, Par Street Br.
21. Shri Dr. V.S.R. Murthy, Director, SMRI Tirupati - for the account to be opened.

The President can revoke this authority at any time at his discretion without assigning any reasons.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Notes:

1. All the above persons to verify that the President's name is included with their banks as a person authorised to operate the account; if not, they should have it done immediately and confirm.

2. The Preceptor-in-charge of Cuddapah, Madurai, Sitapur centres and Director Sahaj Marg Research Institute Tirupati, should take immediate steps for opening Savings Bank Accounts at their centres in the name of the Mission and for Sahaj Marg Research Institute Shri Ram Chandra Mission, respectively.
3. The Preceptors-in-charge of Raichur, Tirupati and Tiruchirapalli should take immediate steps to close the present accounts and open accounts for the Mission with any nationalised bank there.
4. The earlier authority in favour of Shri N. Kumaraswamy of Hyderabad centre and Shri R Krishnaswamy of Delhi centre are being withdrawn in favour of Shri H. Joga Rao and Shri Rajeshwar Prasad Mathur respectively, as mentioned above. Shri Rao and Shri Mathur to take necessary action for the introduction of their names with the Bank.
5. The Secretary to the President to see that the matters given in Notes 1, 2, 3 and 4 are being complied with and report to the President by 30th March 1981.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:-

1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
2. The Zonal Secretaries (7 in number).
3. Shri N. Kumaraswamy, Hyderabad.
4. Shri R. Krishnaswamy, New Delhi.
5. Joint Secretary.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: FAPR/4 **Shahjahanpur**
15th February 1981

Limit For Expenses

The President is pleased to fix the limit of authority to spend money or make payments under the financial powers in Shri Ram Chandra Mission Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules 1981:-

1. (a) Under Rule 14(2), at Accounting Centres, the limit is Rs. 50/- at a time for any single item.
   (b) For expenses in printing of books, the concerned centre will obtain the prior sanction of the President.
2. Under Rule 14(11)(a)(b), at the headquarters and ashram, the limit is Rs. 100/- at a time for any single item.
3. The President can vary this limit at his discretion any time.
4. The receipt of this order by all concerned may be acknowledged to the Secretary to the President for placing in the relevant file.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:-

1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
2. Shri Kashi Ramji, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
3. The Zonal Secretaries - seven in number.
4. In Charge, SRCM Ashram Shahjahanpur.
5. Preceptors-in-charge, Accounting Centres of the Mission.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: FAPR/5 **Shahjahanpur**
15th February 1981

Exemption from Operation of Rule 9(1) of the Shri Ram Chandra Mission Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules 1981.

I, President Shri Ram Chandra Mission exempt Madras centre from the operation of Rule 9(1) of Shri Ram Chandra Mission Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules 1981, for the time being.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to: General Secretary, Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras.

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: FAPR/6 **Shahjahanpur**
15th February 1981

Modification of Rule 12(15) Read With Rule 12(20) of Shri Ram Chandra Mission Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules 1981

In partial modification of Rule 12(15) of the Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules 1981, till further orders, the books printed in regional languages shall remain at the centres printing them for the sake of convenience on behalf of headquarters. The moneys received on their sales shall be remitted to the headquarters. Under Rule 12(20)a, these centres will send separate statements of such regional books lying at their centres on behalf of the headquarters.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:
1. General Secretary, Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras.
2. All Zonal Secretaries.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

No. M/FM/GS/1-700
Shahjahanpur
15th February 1981

Shri P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Dear Brother,

Re. **Financial & Accounting Manual**

I have signed on the 14th February 1981, "The SRCM Financial, Accounting & Procedural Rules 1981" and am enclosing herewith a copy of the same for your information, necessary action as envisaged therein, and record.

Under these rules, a person at each Accounting Centre has to be appointed in writing as the in-charge of accounts, to be called "Preceptor-in-charge". As you are the General Secretary of the Mission, you may let me know whom do you recommend for this purpose at Madras.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Enclosure: "Rules" as above.

12th March 1981

Revered Master,

Ref: Financial Accounting and Procedural Rules 1981

I am in receipt of your letter dated 15th February 1981 (Ref: M/FM/GS/1-700) but delayed replying to it as you were away out of India. You have asked me to recommend a person to be appointed as Preceptor-in-charge of the Madras centre. I find that in Form No. 4, under Rule No. 2(16), you have already notified my name as Preceptor-in-charge of Madras centre. I may also add that I am not able to recommend anyone else for this post, and I would request you to permit the work of this centre to go on as it has been doing all these years.

Limit for expenses: I am in receipt of the orders FAPR/4 dated 14th February 1981 fixing limits of expenditure for accounting centres. At Madras centre the monthly postage expense often exceeds Rs. 100/-. I pray therefore that for this centre the limit under Rule 14(2) may be fixed at Rs. 300/- as the maximum limit for any one item at a time, including postage. During the months December and November 1980, the postage was very high due to this centre having to issue certificates to abhyasis all over India for rail concession.

Printing of Books: I have already received your approval, as well as that of others concerned, to print *Voice Real* in one volume containing both the parts formerly separately printed as two volumes. The estimated expense for this publication for 3000 copies is around Rs. 45,000/-. The work is in progress. I have also received your verbal approval to print, next, four of your books in one volume, i.e. *Reality at Dawn*, *Efficacy of Raja Yoga*, *Commentary on Ten Maxims* and *Towards Infinity*. This work will be taken up around July 1981 to permit existing stocks of *Reality* and *Infinity* to be reduced. I cannot give any estimate of cost now as no one knows what will be the prices at that time.

Receipt Books: In 1966 you had visited Madras, and at that time I had obtained your permission to print receipt books at Madras. This was done in the commercial pattern where the receipt books have a main receipt form with a counterfoil (as in cheque books) for record. This is still continuing. This centre has a stock of about 28 books of 100 receipts each so printed. I await your orders as to whether these should be sent to HQ and fresh receipt books received for use by this centre. We shall continue using these books till 31st March in any case.

Publications Rule No. 12, sub rule 15: The note SP/FM/FC/3 dated 16th February 1981 issued by the Secretary to the President points out that money realised as a result of sale of books at the three centres, Navsari, Madras and Allahabad are to be transferred to HQ. The President's Order FAPR/5 dated 15th February exempts the Madras centre from the operation of the general Rule 9(1) governing retention of funds at centres of the Mission. I take it therefore that this also applies to the money realised from the sale of publications at the Madras centre. I request you to confirm this. Sales realisation will of course be used for further publication work, and the money so retained will thus be more or less in constant circulation.

I pray for your kind clarification and orders where necessary.

With Pranams at your Holy feet.

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

12th March 1981

My Beloved Master,

I am overjoyed to hear of your safe return home after completing the short tour of South Africa. I pray that your health is normal, and that this tour has not in any way troubled your health.

Yesterday Brother Ramabhadram of our Delhi centre telephoned me to say that the Central Board of Direct Taxes have approved our petition for grant of blanket exemption under section 10(23) C 5, and that according to his information a communication has already been addressed by the CBDT. I have not received any communication here. If it has been received there, kindly send me a copy of the same for my records. It is all due to your grace.

I require your passport and health certificate to prepare for your Malaysia tour. These may kindly be sent to me immediately by registered post. Brother K.V. Reddy has informed me that you have instructed me to accompany you on that tour. This may kindly be confirmed. The programme of travel is as under:

Madras	Depart 27th April 1981 14:00 Hrs. Malaysian Airlines MH 033
Kuala Lumpur	Arrive 27th April 1981 19:30 Hrs.
Kuala Lumpur	Depart 6th May 1981 21:00 Hrs. Malaysian Airlines MH 032
Madras	Arrive 6th May 1981 23:55 Hrs.

According to the above plan you will have just about nine days at KL. If you want any changes made kindly let me have your instructions **immediately**. I suggest that you may arrange to arrive in Madras not later than 17th April so that you can have ten days rest before departure. Similarly on your return from Kuala Lumpur on the 6th May at 11:55 P.M., I request you to plan to stay here at least till the 15th May. On confirmation of the above dates I shall circulate the information to all concerned. I propose that no outside visitors see you at Madras on your outward journey. Abhyasis of other centres will be requested to come for your darshan only between the 9th and 14th of May. I trust that this has your approval.

Brother K.V. Reddy has invited Bari Bahu Sulochana to accompany you so that she can help in food matters. I cannot afford her plane fare this time as I have to make substantial remittances to Chi. Krishna in the USA. The Malaysian centre is willing to pay for her travel if this is approved by you. Kindly convey your decision in this matter to Brother K.V. Reddy along with a copy to me for my information. With my devotion and humble pranams at your Holy feet.

Your affectionately,
Parthasarathi

6th April 1981

Revered Master,

Sub: Land for Madras Ashram

You will recall that with your approval and after your personal instructions, we had paid an advance of Rs.5,000/- to Mrs. Kutti Ramanaiah owner of a plot of approximately 18,000 sq. ft. sometime in 1978. All these years the landowner as well as ourselves have been trying to get government clearance to enable Mrs. Kutti Ramanaiah to sell this land to the Mission as her land-holding falls under the Urban Land Ceiling Act. However, our joint efforts have failed.

Now Mrs. Kutti Ramanaiah, who has retired from service and is in urgent need of money, came to my office this morning and informed me that she has sold 500 sq. metres to which she is entitled, at market prices. Legally we can fight this sale in court, but I assume that we, as a spiritual organisation, are not interested in litigation. She has promised to return the Rs.5,000/- paid as advance in 1978 and I have decided to accept this back, thus relieving her legally from the obligation of selling off the 500 sq. metres of land (which she has sold to outside parties) to us.

There is no point in pursuing this matter legally. She has however promised that should the government take up the excess of her land still remaining, of approximately 1000 sq. metres, she would assist us in somehow getting that from the government allotted to us by the government. I trust the decision taken here in view of her having already sold the land meets with your approval.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Personal and Confidential

Madras
9th April 1981

Beloved Master,

I am writing this with reference to your tour of Malaysia in which Bhabhiji, Chi. Umesh, Chi. Sarvesh and dear Pankaj will be accompanying you. I have included all these four persons for the Singapore trip—leaving Kuala Lumpur on 3rd May 1981 at 10 A.M. and leaving Singapore on 7th May by the same flight which you will take from Kuala Lumpur—along with our abhyasi brothers and sisters. Naturally they will need money for expenses at Singapore, as also for such purchases as they might want to make.

Chi. Umesh has already told me that without foreign exchange there is no meaning in his going on this tour. I suggest that Chi. Umesh and Chi. Sarvesh may be requested to avail of US $500/- each as they are entitled to, and the expenses of all four can be met from this.

I enclose a set of forms which Chi. Sarvesh may **sign** at the seven places indicated by 'X'—I will fill up the form here, he should **only sign**—and return it to me **immediately** with passports of Bhabhi, Pankaj and his own along with health certificates.

If this is to be met from Mission funds, please let me have your authorisation. Otherwise please send me a Demand Draft for Rs. 8,400/- (for US $ 1000/-) for the purchase of foreign exchange. The draft should be made payable to "Mercury Travels (India) Ltd" and payable at Madras.

Kindly treat this as most urgent.

I am eagerly awaiting your beloved Presence in Madras.

With Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: FAPR/8

Shahjahanpur
11th April 1981

Limit For Expenditure

The President is pleased to fix the limit of authority of the General Secretary Shri P. Rajagopalachari, at Rs. 300/- for any one item at a time including postage, under rule 14(2) of the Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules, 1981.

Ram Chandra
President

Copy to:-
Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Gayathri, 19-North Street, Sriram Nagar, Madras 600 018.
Joint Secretary, Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Shahjahanpur.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Ref: P/F.A.P./9 **Shahjahanpur**
11th April 1981

Re: **The Funds at Madras**

The funds at Madras relating to Publications, Life Magazine Subscription, Centenary Celebrations and interest be separated from the funds concerning the Madras centre.

A separate account with Allahabad Bank at Madras be opened under the name and style—"Shri Ram Chandra Mission - HQ Account" in accordance with the Financial Accounting Rules and Procedures 1981 and the funds falling under the former category be transferred to that account. The normal Madras centre's funds shall remain in the existing bank account. In future, all transactions for and on behalf of the Headquarters and the Madras centre respectively shall be incurred out of the respective bank accounts.

The operations in the HQ Bank Account at Madras by Shri P. Rajagopalachari will be in his capacity as General Secretary of the Mission and the transactions in the existing bank account at Allahabad Bank, Madras will be in the capacity as Preceptor-in-charge Madras centre.

Separate cash books for both the funds shall be maintained at Madras.

The Secretary to the President to report the compliance by 31st May 1981.

This order has been passed under Shri Ram Chandra Mission Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules 1981.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:

1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary and Preceptor-in-charge Madras centre of the Mission.
2. Shri K. Mahalingam, Zonal Secretary, Zone No. 2, for information.

3. The Accountant, Shri Ram Chandra Mission.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/FAPR/10/1523

Shahjahanpur
11th/17th April 1981

The 'Person' referred to under Rule 12(5) of the Shri Ram Chandra Mission Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules 1981 shall be a committee. For the time being, the committee shall consist of the following:

1. Dr. S.P. Srivastava, Lakhimpur Kheri (Chairman)
2. Shri S.A. Sarnad, Gulbarga
3. Shri J.R.K. Raizada, Shahjahanpur
4. Shri K.V. Reddy, Kuala Lumpur
5. Prof. Lakshmi Shanker, Allahabad

The said committee shall also act as 'Publications Standing Committee' to review various aspects of the Mission's publications the world over from time to time and to submit their views to the President for final orders.

The members of the Committee can be changed by the President at his discretion at any time.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:

1. The said members of the Publication Standing Committee.
2. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.

3. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
4. All the Zonal Secretaries.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/FAPR/11/1524

Shahjahanpur
11th/17th April 1981

Shri Prabhu Dev is hereby appointed as Accountant of the Mission on payment of Rs. 100/- per month as honorarium and Rs. 50/- extra allowance with facilities for boarding, lodging and normal electricity and water charges without any extra charge, vice Shri N.S. Rao, the present Accountant of the Mission, who is being shifted as the Assistant to the President, subject to the terms given below:

Shri Prabhu Dev shall be the in-charge of the entire accounts of the Mission and act according to the rules of the Mission in this regard.

Shri N.S. Rao will discharge the following duties:

1. To serve the President.
2. In addition, to look into the banking business transactions pertaining to the Mission and maintain the cash of the Mission as per the rules in this regard.

Shri N.S. Rao will get Rs. 150/- as honorarium with facilities for boarding, lodging, normal electricity and water charges etc., without any extra charges.

These appointments are at the pleasure of the President.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

The Secretary to the President to intimate these appointments to:

1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary.
2. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary.
3. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres.
4. All the Zonal Secretaries.
5. All Preceptors-in-charge of the Accounting Centres.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/FAPR/12

Shahjahanpur
11th April 1981

Under the directive contained in the Shri Ram Chandra Mission Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules 1981, the Secretary to the President (vide his communication No.SP/FM/PI/3 dated 16th February 1981) had invited the attention of the Allahabad, Madras and Navsari centres to Rule No. 12 under "Publications" regarding transfer of books etc. to the Headquarters.

The Secretary to the President is hereby directed to report its compliance by 31st May 1981.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy circulated by order of the President to the said centres.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/FAPR/13/1526 **Shahjahanpur**
11th/17th April 1981

I am pleased to sanction an honorarium of Rs. 100/- per month (Rupees one hundred only) to Shri Uma Shankar Arya, Ashram-in-charge of the headquarters ashram at Shahjahanpur (U.P.) in addition to the existing facilities for boarding and lodging, and normal electricity and water charges provided to him by the Mission without any extra charges from him, with effect from the date of this order.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:
1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
2. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
3. Shri Prabhu Dev, Accountant, Shri Ram Chandra Mission.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/14/1527 **Shahjahanpur**
11th/17th April 1981

Functions of the Ashram-in-charge at the Headquarters Ashram

The Ashram-in-charge of the Headquarters Ashram at Shahjahanpur (U.P.) India shall carry out the following functions and duties.

1. To act as In-charge for the affairs of the Mission's Ashram at the Headquarters, subject to the rules and orders from time to time.
2. To look after the proper maintenance and control of the Ashram and its properties and abhyasis in the Ashram and to report if necessary.
3. To make proper arrangements for the imparting of spiritual training to the abhyasis at the Ashram and keep them involved in Sahaj Marg.
4. To control and give guidance to the staff working at the Ashram.
5. To put up the difficulties if any to the President through the person concerned for the betterment of the Ashram.
6. To give a monthly report to the President on the working of the Ashram through the person concerned.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:
1. Shri Uma Shankar Arya, Ashram-in-charge, Shahjahanpur.
2. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
3. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
4. Shri Prabhu Dev, Accountant, Shahjahanpur.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/15

Shahjahanpur
11th April 1981

Instructions for the Visitors at the Ashram Premises

1. Every abhyasi from abroad and within the country shall come to the ashram with proper identification and letter of authority from the preceptor concerned.
2. Every person staying within the ashram premises shall maintain the ashram's rules, discipline and decorum.
3. The people should help in the work of the Mission instead of wasting time in going outside unless the necessity presents itself.
4. The abhyasis should co-operate with the ashram management and not leave the ashram premises without the knowledge of the Ashram-in-charge.
5. All abhyasis will concentrate on the spiritual education of the Mission and shall not involve themselves in any activity or transaction contrary to the spirit of the Mission.
6. The abhyasis from abroad shall not mix with any outsider and shall not engage themselves in activities other than the Mission's ideals.
7. No abhyasi shall meet any outsider without the prior approval of the Ashram-in-charge.

Note: Any person not abiding with these rules shall be liable for action.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:-
1. Shri Uma Shankar Arya, Ashram-in-charge, Shahjahanpur.
2. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
3. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
4. All the Zonal Secretaries.

5. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Camp New Delhi
23rd April 1981

By virtue of the powers vested in me as President under the Constitution and Bye Laws of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, I hereby constitute a Committee of the Mission to be called "Committee on Educational/Research Aspect". For the time being, the Committee shall consist of the following Members:-

1. Dr. Harnam Singh, New Delhi - Chairman
2. Shri M.R. Bhagwat, New Delhi - Secretary

Shri S.C. Kishore, Delhi will assist the Committee. The Committee is to work under the guidance of the President for recognition of the Mission as an 'Educational/Research Institute', by the Government of India.

The Committee shall automatically dissolve after the work is accomplished unless dissolved by the President earlier.

The members of the Committee can be changed at the pleasure of the President.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:

1. Dr. Harnam Singh, New Delhi.
2. Shri M.R. Bhagwat, New Delhi.
3. Shri S.C. Kishore, Delhi.

4. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
5. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
6. Dr. V.S.R. Murthy, Director Sahaj Marg Research Institute, Tirupati.
7. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres, Kuala Lumpur.
8. All the Zonal Secretaries of the Mission.

Kashi Ram Agarwal
Joint Secretary

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

No. SRCM/DEL/10

Camp New Delhi
14th May 1981

For furthering the activities of the Mission, an ashram at New Delhi has become a necessity. The action of the Delhi centre of the Mission in applying for land etc., therefore, has my approval.

On 23rd April 1981, I authorised the centre of the Mission at Delhi to proceed with the collection of funds for the Mission for the said purpose, subject to the rules in this regard under the Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules, 1981 of the Mission. It is hereby clarified that the funds so collected shall be remitted to the Headquarters.

For undertaking the construction and spending of funds, separate order shall be made by the President under the said Rules.

Ram Chandra
President

Copy to:

1. The Editor, *Sahaj Marg*, for publication in the magazine.
2. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Shri Ram Chandra Mission.

3. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shri Ram Chandra Mission.
4. All the Zonal Secretaries of Shri Ram Chandra Mission.
5. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary, Overseas Centres of the Mission.
6. Shri R.P. Mathur, Preceptor-in-charge, Delhi centre.

Circulated by order of the President.

Kashi Ram Agarwal
Joint Secretary

16th May 1981

Revered Master,

I have today received a letter from Clara Scramoncin, of Rome, Italy dated 4th May 1981 reading as under:

"This is to inform you that as of today I have decided to withdraw from my services as Preceptor of the Shri Ram Chandra Mission.

"I do sincerely apologise for disappointing you and the others."

signed
Clara Scramoncin

This is for your kind information.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
18th May 1981

Clara Scramoncin
Rome, Italy

Dear Sister,

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 4th May and regretfully note your decision to withdraw your services as Preceptor of the Mission. I have duly conveyed your decision to Rev. Master.

We do hope that you will continue to be a member of the Mission and derive spiritual benefit under our system of Sahaj Marg.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately
Chari

Copy to: Revered Master - for information.

18th May 1981

Revered Master,

Ref: FAP Rules regarding Publications - transfer to HQ

I have received letter No. P/FAP/8/1583 dated 22nd April addressed to me by the Secretary to President, Br. Shri Raizada. I refer to paragraph 5 of that letter regarding transfer of publications to Headquarters of the Mission. I have to make the following submission on this rule.

1. It is quite expensive to transport books by rail, and will cost almost twice that for road transport. For the new publication *Voice Real*, I estimate that it will cost Rs. 0.75 per copy by rail.

2. Hitherto I have managed to transfer approximately Rs.50,000/- worth of books all over India without spending a paisa, by sending books through abhyasis. I do not know whether you are aware that for every Basant the party of abhyasis accompanying me have carried ten to twenty-five cartons of books for sale at HQ the value of stocks so moved in January 1981 being around Rs. 50,000/-.
3. If at all it is your intention to have book stocks centralised at Shahjahanpur (though why this is necessary, I don't see) then the obvious solution would be to have them printed at Shahjahanpur or at some nearby place like Lucknow.
4. Till such time as a decision to centralise printing at HQ or at some nearby centre is taken, books will continue to be printed at Madras, in English, as per instructions to me personally.

Considering the fact that I have managed to provide not only HQ but all other centres as well with their requirements of books all these years, **at NO cost to the Mission** (virtually), I hereby seek a suspension of the relevant rule requiring transfer of books to be effected (Rule P/FAPR/12 dated 11th April 1981). I am not taking any action in despatching stocks of *Voice Real* till I have your decision on this letter. I may also add that once the accounts at Madras have been separated into Centre accounts and HQ accounts, the sale proceeds will all go into the HQ accounts at Madras. Kindly let me have your orders.

With affectionate and prayerful pranams,

Yours affectionately,

Parthasarathi

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/17/2109 **Shahjahanpur**
29th May 1981

In supersession of the earlier orders in this regard, with effect from 1st June 1981, the following persons shall constitute the 'Editorial Board' for the Mission's magazine titled *Sahaj Marg*.

1. Dr. S.P. Srivastava
2. Shri S.A. Sarnad
3. Prof. Laxmi Shanker

These members will formulate their own working and keep the headquarters informed about the same.

No matter in the magazine shall go without being approved by the Board.

The President can change the members on the Editorial Board at his discretion at any time.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

To:-
1. The members of the Editorial Board.
2. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary.
3. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary, Overseas Centres.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

No. P/18/2110 **Shahjahanpur**
29th May 1981

It has been brought to my notice that magazines or news-letters etc. for the Mission are being brought out by certain centres of the Mission like:

1. *Constant Remembrance* from USA
2. *Sandhya* from Malaysia, etc.

This is for the information of all concerned that such publications should be stopped forthwith under intimation to me.

In future no centre should bring out any such publication. *Sahaj Marg Patrika* printed from Shahjahanpur (U.P., India) is the only official organ of the Mission.

All the centres of the Mission are requested to forward the material for printing in the *Sahaj Marg Patrika* for the benefit of all, to Shahjahanpur (U.P.) and encourage abhyasis to subscribe to the magazine.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

To:

1. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary, Overseas Centres.
2. Preceptor-in-charge for USA, Malaysia, France and South Africa.
3. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/16/2111 **Shahjahanpur**
29th May 1981

Under Rule 14(4) of SRCM F.A.P. Rules 1981

Order for Constituting of Celebrations Committee

With the power vested in me as President under the Constitution and Bye-laws of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Shahjahanpur (U.P.), I hereby constitute a "Celebrations Committee" for organising the 83rd Birthday Celebrations at Surat on 30th April 1982.

1. The members of this committee shall be:
    1. Shri Khoosalbhai K. Patel - Chairman
    2. Shri Kantilal V. Patel, Ahmedabad - Vice Chairman
    3. Shri Ishwar Lal Chauksi, Surat
    4. Shri Nagin Bhai N. Patel, Surat
    5. Shri Ashwin Bhai Modi, Surat
    6. Shri Raman Bhai Desai, Bombay
    7. Shri Babu Bhai F. Patel, Ahmedabad
    8. Shri Govindramji Agarwal, Ahmedabad
    9. Shri U.S. Pathak, Ahmedabad
    10. Shri Ratilal J. Parikh, Navsari
    11. Shri Madhu Bhai Amin, Baroda
    12. Smt. Santaben K. Patel, Surat
    13. Zonal Secretary Shri Devram H. Chavda will be an ex-officio member.
2. The committee is authorised to exercise the financial powers necessary for organising the said function. The members in a committee will decide how the financial powers are to be exercised within the framework of SRCM Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules, 1981.
3. The committee will maintain a separate bank account for the function which will be closed soon after the accounts for the function are finalised.
4. The balance money after the function will be transferred to the headquarters.

5. A Receipts and Payments Account from the function's books of accounts will be drawn and sent to the headquarters with vouchers, receipts, bank statements, etc.
6. Minutes of the committee meetings will be maintained which will be sent to the headquarters after the function is over.
7. Any direction issued by the President shall be binding on the committee.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

To:

1. The chairman and members of the said celebration committee.
2. The Zonal Secretary, Shri Devram H. Chavda, Navsari.
3. The General Secretary, Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras.
4. The Secretary, Overseas Centres, Shri K.V. Reddy, Malaysia.

Copy circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

1st June 1981

Revered Master,

I am happy to inform you that as a result of a marathon effort over the past seventeen days I have been able to separate the headquarters accounts at Madras from the Madras centre accounts and arrive at a credit balance of Rs. 5,97,795-06 in the headquarters accounts at Madras as on 31st May 1981.

For accounts separation Rs. 5,00,000-00 by way of Fixed Deposits held by Madras centre (out of a total of Rs. 8 lakhs) have been transferred to headquarters accounts and a cash amount of Rs. 93,595-06 also transferred from our account No. 1 to our account No. 2 to arrive at this balance. The corresponding deposits for the FD's transferred as well as for the cash transfer will be reflected in the Madras centre accounts for the quarter ending 30th June 1981 which will be sent early in July.

For accounts rendered above please find attached herewith a comprehensive statement in 21 sheets along with a summarised statement for records.

As ordered by you, separate cash books will be maintained and all accounting procedures separated for the headquarters accounts from 1st June 1981 taking the opening balance as the figure given above viz., Rs. 5,97,795-06.

The heads of accounts viz., publication receipts and photograph receipts include receipts both by way of cash sales as well as by transfer receipts from headquarters and other centres. This also applies to badges and to the life subscriptions for the *Patrika*.

I have had to deal arbitrarily with the apportionment of the interest received on Fixed Deposits made with the Allahabad Bank and have taken one third of the total credits for the period 1st June 1966 to 31st December 1972. From 1st January 1973 I have taken to the credit of headquarters accounts one half of the FD interest received up to 31st December 1975. For the period commencing from 1st January 1976, two thirds of the FD interest has been taken to the credit of headquarters account. I have done this because I found that the balance to the credit of the Madras centre and to the credit of H.O. Accounts at Madras was roughly in the proportion during the years as narrated above. I trust this has your approval.

On the expenses side, direct expenditure on publications, manufacture of badges, production of photographs have all been taken into the account but no debits have been taken over from Madras centre for postage and telegram incurred as the amount is too negligible in relation to the effort that would be necessary to arrive at a figure.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Enclosed: as above.

1st June 1981

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Madras Centre —Headquarters Accounts

1st January 1966 to 31st May 1981

By Balance in HQ Accounts at Madras as per statement attached being transfer from Madras centre:

By Fixed Deposits with Allahabad Bank	Rs. 5,00,000.00
By Cash Transfer	93,595-06
By Transfer from H.O. on account of Life Subscription to Sahaj Marg	4,200.00

	5,97,795.06

To

FD with Allahabad Bank:

1. 02356/21/183	dated 15-10-79	1,25,000
2. 02604/23/180	dated 1-9-80	1,00,000
3. 02623/23/199	dated 26-9-80	75,000
4. 02637/23/213	dated 15-10-80	1,00,000
5. 02724/24/6	dated 21-1-81	1,00,000
		5,00,000.00

Cash Balance in S.B. A/c No. 2525 (Account No. 2) with Allahabad Bank on 31-5-1981	97,795.06
	5,97,795.06

For Shri Ram Chandra Mission
P. Rajagopalachari
Preceptor-in-charge
General Secretary

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

No. P/19

Shahjahanpur
1st June 1981

Policy Decision Regarding Acquisition of Land and Construction of Ashram at Various Centres

In view of the fast expanding activities of the Mission all over and the shortage of private space, I have been receiving requests from different centres for permission for buying/accepting land for the Mission, construction of boundary wall, meditation hall and Ashram. After careful consideration, I have decided the following broad framework in this regard:

1. Before buying or accepting any land, the centre should estimate the cost involved for that purpose including the charges and expenses of registration, cost expected in putting up the boundary wall/fencing. Cases of encroachment on vacant land without any boundary wall/fencing are matter of common knowledge. For this reason, the cost of putting up the boundary wall/fencing should be taken up simultaneously with the acquisition of land; the whole situation should be viewed in the light of the present day conditions.

2. The sanction for the land and the boundary wall/fencing cost should be sought from the President on showing to him the availability of liquid funds with the centre of its own.
3. The centre should send the plan of development of land and construction, to the headquarters of the Mission and obtain approval of the President. Any change in the plan should have the President's approval.
4. Along with the plan, the centre should send the estimate of cost, keeping the price escalation in view.
5. Before requesting the President for starting the actual construction, the centre should show its capability to execute the approved plan construction. For this purpose, the centre must have at least fifty percent of the estimated cost from its own sources as on the date of making the request in the shape of liquid cash. No request should be made to the President before the centre satisfies itself that the condition is met. It may be that at the time of actual construction, the centre may have the availability of material and labour donations which may go to reduce the cash requirements of the construction. The stipulation of fifty percent has been made keeping this point also in consideration.
6. The centres are expected to raise the entire cost involved and should ensure that they are capable for the same. The centre will have to satisfy the President about this aspect in particular.
7. The construction shall be carried out under the overall supervision of a committee which will be formed by the President for that purpose for that centre.
8. Till the actual acquisition of land and starting of construction, the funds collected for the purpose shall remain deposited as per the rules made by the President in this regard.
9. The centre making the request in this regard is also required to explain how it proposes to maintain the property after construction.

10. It may be clarified that no action or activity of any kind for the land or construction should be carried out without prior permission of the President.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

To:
Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
All zonal secretaries in India—they are expected to circulate the decision to all centres in their zone.
Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary, Overseas Centres, also to inform the decision to all the centres abroad.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

P/20/2144

Shahjahanpur
1st June 1981

In view of the policy decision made by me earlier today in the matter of acquisition of land and construction at the centres of the Mission, the President is to approve the plans of the centre for development and construction of the land and any changes therein. I have the pleasure to appoint the following persons who would assist the President in this regard.

1. Shri Chauhan, Architect, Bombay.
2. Shri Yogendra Kumar Gupta, Superintending Engineer, Meerut (U.P.).

3. Shri K.V. Subba Rao, Engineer and Contractor, Vijayawada (AP).

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:

1. Shri Yogendra Kumar Gupta, Meerut.
2. Shri K.V. Subba Rao, Vijayawada.
3. Shri Chauhan, Bombay.
4. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
5. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
6. All the Zonal Secretaries in India.
7. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres, Malaysia.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/23/2183

Shahjahanpur
2nd June 1981

Office Order

With effect from 1st June 1981, I have the pleasure to increase the honoraria at the rate of Rs. 100/- each per month for:

1. Shri N. S. Rao, Assistant to President
   and
2. Shri Prabhu Dev, Accountant.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:-

1. Shri N.S. Rao, Assistant to President.

2. Shri Prabhu Dev, Accountant.
3. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
4. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.

Issued as per the orders of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Ref: P/25/2181 **Shahjahanpur**
3rd June 1981

Shri P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary, Shri Ram Chandra Mission,
'Gayathri', 19 North Street,
Sri Ram Nagar, Madras 600 018

Dear Brother,

Reference your letter dated 10th May 1981.

You were requested to send the English books lying at Madras centre in view of the Financial Manual recently introduced. I agree with the last paragraph of your letter that the book stock may be sent here with visiting abhyasis to avoid the avoidable expenses. Please try to see that the books are transferred here before the close of the Mission's current financial year. We should give a fair trial to the rules framed. I am looking to the overall picture of the Mission.

For current printing, the procedure has been laid in the Manual, which we should try to abide.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/24/2182

Shahjahanpur
3rd June 1981

Form No. 18

(Under Rule 9(2)(a))

Order For Retention of Funds at the Accounting Centres —New Delhi

Keeping the circumstances of the Accounting Centre Delhi in view, the said centre is allowed to retain in its bank account a sum of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) to be utilised in emergency only and to maintain the bank account. The other moneys received at the centre should be remitted to headquarters as required.

The President can vary this limit if he considers it necessary.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:-
1. Shri R.P. Mathur, Preceptor-in-charge, Delhi centre.
2. Shri Y.K. Gupta, Zonal Secretary, Zone 5, Meerut.
3. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
4. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
5. Shri Prabhu Dev, Accountant, SRCM Shahjahanpur.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Camp Madurai

6th June 1981

My Most Beloved and Revered Master,

I am writing this letter with love pouring out of my heart, corrupt as it is with worldly tendencies, lower emotions, passionate thoughts, and a feeling of guilt for all my irreverent thoughts and actions towards your Divine and august self. I have been very critical of much that is happening in the Mission and, in retrospect, feel that it as all the manifestation of my ego. When once I was much troubled about many orders issued by you, I sat in meditation and the thought came that **nothing you did** could ever be wrong, however wrong it might have appeared to me. This gave me a feeling of joy and love. But recently such thoughts are coming up again, questioning your actions, but today I am convinced that your actions are of the highest wisdom and most beneficial to humanity, now and in the future. It is my low human mind and intellect that is unable to perceive the man-behind-the-action and sense the Reality of your work, and the need for it. I beg your forgiveness and pray for your mercy towards all my wrong thoughts and actions concerning your holy, Divine and auspicious Self. May you bless me to avoid the pitfalls and traps of my ego and intellect and may love for the Master bloom in my heart under your merciful and loving care.

Beloved Master, with deep humility and a sense of shame I have to confess that for some six months now I am repeatedly having thoughts of how to make money by dishonest means. This happens even during meditation. Only your love and grace can eradicate this evil, and I pray for your help.

Yesterday, when travelling by car to Tiruchirapalli, a thought came that there was an accident in one of our factories of which I am in charge, and that some people had died as a result of it. This morning, when I arrived in Madurai, I got a telephone call to say that in our factory in Coimbatore, where a foundation pit was being excavated to erect a storage tank for diesel oil, the earth had caved in and four persons were critically injured, two of whom died later in the evening in the hospital. I am much perturbed over this as I am directly responsible for what happens in these factories under my charge. The only saving grace is that the four persons were not company employees, but labourers employed by the civil contractors entrusted with the construction work.

I pray for your help and guidance.

Bari Bahu, Krishna's mother, was very depressed and ill after you left Madras, but is now much better and the depression has almost disappeared. She has accompanied me on this tour.

Of late I have developed a longing for death. Every day of existence brings its own problems and temptations. Death is therefore to be preferred. At the same time, of late I have developed a fear of death which I never had before. This is the second thing that I have to place before your holy and compassionate feet, and pray for correction of abnormal tendencies of body and mind. I feel that I am unfit to be your disciple. I pray for your mercy and compassionate grace.

With Pranams at your Lotus feet,

Your affectionate but erring son,
Parthasarathi

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/25

Shahjahanpur
8th June 1981

(Under Rule 14[3])

Constitution of "Centre's Standing Committee" For Vijayawada Centre

1. With the powers vested in me as President, I hereby constitute the "Centre's Standing Committee" for the Vijayawada centre of the Mission which will consist of the following members:
   1) P. Rama Mohan Rao 2) Shri Y. Veerabhadra Rao
   3) Shri K. Radha Krishna 4) Shri K.V. Subba Rao
   5) Shri B. Rosayya
2. The Committee is to assist the centre in organising usual functions at the centre and in exercising due control in accordance with the rules framed in this regard over the finances at the centre in the interest of the Mission. The Zonal Secretary can give advice/directions to the Committee in writing in the interest of the Mission under advice to the President. Any directions given by the President shall be binding on the Committee.
3. The members of the Committee will confirm in writing in the prescribed form after each usual function or major substantial repair or expenses and payments beyond the limit prescribed for sanction by the In-charge of the centre, that they were duly consulted and their advice given due consideration. The said certificates shall be attached with the centre's respective vouchers and sent to the headquarters.
4. The Centre-in-charge will send to headquarters the specimen signatures of the said members of the Standing Committees for record and as token of their acceptance in the

enclosed form, one copy of which will be maintained by the centre, within one month of the date of this order.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

To:

1. The Preceptor-in-charge Vijayawada centre for information with the direction to circulate the same to the members hereby appointed, under intimation to headquarters.
2. The Zonal Secretary, Zone No.1, Shri Dr. V. Parthasarathi, Vijayawada.
3. The General Secretary, Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras.
4. The Joint Secretary, Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Shahjahanpur.
5. The Accountant, Shri Prabhu Dev, Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Shahjahanpur.

Circulated by order of the President, with directions that:

1. Preceptor should not ordinarily be a member of the Standing Committee.
2. Members of the Standing Committee should not be connected with the maintenance of the centre's accounts. If any of the above member is so connected, he ceases to be a member of the Committee automatically, and which fact should be intimated to the Headquarters,

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

[Editor's Note: The above letter was duplicated below 13 times, one for each of the following centres.]

Constitution of "Centre's Standing Committee"

For Hyderabad Centre

1. Shri G. Hanumayya
2. Shri Meda Ramaiah
3. Shri Balaji
4. Shri Varadaraj
5. Smt. Shashi Dhawan

Constitution of “Centre’s Standing Committee”

For Nellore Centre

1. Shri G. Subba Reddy
2. Smt. Sailaja
3. Capt. Murthy

Constitution of “Centre’s Standing Committee”

For Tirupati Centre

1. Dr. K. Rama Rao
2. Shri A.V. Narayanappa
3. Dr. G. Pattabhirami Reddy

Constitution of “Centre’s Standing Committee”

For Bangalore Centre

1. Shri Kotandaram
2. Shri K.R. Kumar
3. Shri V. Venugopal Gupta
4. Shri L.S. Hegde
5. Smt. Saroja Sundaram

Constitution of “Centre’s Standing Committee”

For Gulbarga Centre

1. Shri B.M. Heble
2. Shri Pradeep Puranik
3. Shri L.T. Chavan
4. Shri G. Dattaraj

Constitution of “Centre’s Standing Committee”

For Raichur Centre

1. Shri E. Jayaramappa
2. Shri Jagannath Deshpande
3. Shri K. R. Kulkarni

Constitution of “Centre’s Standing Committee”

For Kollegal NA Centre

1. Shri B.V. Krishna Setty
2. Shri P.S. Chinnaswamy

Constitution of "Centre's Standing Committee"

For Allahabad Centre

1. Shri S.C.D. Goyal 2. Shri Dhananjay Tewari
3. Shri M.L. Maurya 4. Shri V.B. Varma
5. Shri P.C. Chaturvedi

Constitution of "Centre's Standing Committee"

For Kanpur Centre

1. Shri Jagdish Prasad Srivastava
2. Shri Suresh Chandra Awasthi
3. Shri Kakoo Khare 4. Shri V.K. Gupta

Constitution of "Centre's Standing Committee"

For Lucknow Centre

1. Shri R.N. Gupta 2. Shri Y.N. Agnigotri
3. Shri Sant Prasad Srivastav
4. Shri S.K. Saxena 5. Smt. Singh

Constitution of "Centre's Standing Committee"

For Sitapur Centre

1. Shri Balak Ram Pande
2. Shri Nansha Prasad Awasthi
3. Shri Yadu Raj Singh

Constitution of "Centre's Standing Committee"

For Delhi Centre

1. Shri K. R. Srinivasan 2. Shri J.R. Tewari
3. Shri C. Ramakrishnan 4. Shri C.P. Srivastav
5. Shri N.R. Rao

Constitution of "Centre's Standing Committee" For Tinsukia Centre

1. Shri Bhagawandas
2. Shri Hardew Das
3. Shri Ishwar Prasad
4. Shri Dhanpat Rai
5. Shri Pramanand

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/21/2145

Shahjahanpur
22nd June 1981

Zonal Secretary, Zone No. 4

Shri Kanti Bhai Lal Patel, Ahmedabad is hereby directed to assume charge as Zonal Secretary, Zone No. 4, vice Shri Devram Bhai Chavda, Navasari, who relinquishes the said charge forthwith.

Shri Devram Bhai will formally hand over the charge to Shri Kanti Bhai under intimation to the headquarters.

Shri Kanti Bhai Patel will hold charge and perform the duties and functions assigned to the Zonal Secretary, at the pleasure of the President.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

To:
1. Shri Kanti Bhai Lal Patel, Ahmedabad.
2. Shri Devram Chavda, Navsari.
3. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
4. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.

5. All Zonal Secretaries in India.
6. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary, Overseas Centres, Malaysia.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Registered Acknowledge Due

Ref: 2479

Shahjahanpur
7th/8th July 1981

Shri Raghavendra Rao, preceptor, Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Raichur centre, and Shri Ram Chandra Reddy, preceptor, Cuddapah centre, are permitted to visit Mission's centres in USA during their tour of Western countries on their own expenses as proposed by them.

Ram Chandra

Copy forwarded to:

1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Shri Ram Chandra Mission, at Madras.
2. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary, Overseas Centres, Malaysia, with instructions to intimate the preceptors of overseas centres to extend all co-operation in the work of the Mission after receiving intimation from Shri Raghavendra Rao.
3. Shri Umesh Chandra Saxena, Madras, for information.

Ram Chandra

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/39/2681 **Shahjahanpur**
21st July 1981

Since Shri Akash Narian has offered his services to the Mission, I have no objection in accepting the same. In view of the offering of his services, he is assigned the following duties at the pleasure of the President:

1. To look after the entire working within the premises of Shri Ram Chandra Mission headquarters buildings, in accordance with the rules and instructions in this regard from time to time.
2. To streamline the working of the Secretariat at the headquarters.
3. To exercise control and supervision over the press and its staff.
4. To assist in co-ordinating and regulating the activities of the various functionaries of the Mission in accordance with its constitution and bye-laws, rules and instructions of the headquarters in this regard.
5. To carry out such tasks and functions assigned to him by the President from time to time.

Shri Narian will be facilitated for his accommodation, food, etc., by the Mission.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:

1. Shri Akash Narian.
2. The General Secretary, Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras.
3. The Joint Secretary, Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Shahjahanpur.
4. The Superintendent of Publications, Prof. Laxmi Shankar, Allahabad.
5. The Secretary Overseas Centres, Shri K.V. Reddy, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

6. The Accountant, Shri Prabhu Dev, Shahjahanpur.
7. All the Zonal Secretaries in India (7 in number), and to intimate to all centres in their respective zones.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

22nd July 1981

Mr. K.V. Reddy
Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

My dear brother,

Enclosed please find a xerox copy of a letter from brother Barrett Day of Cleveland, USA, an abhyasi of the Mission. The proposal is no doubt attractive but as you know it is now almost impossible for Master to be away from his home in Shahjahanpur for more than a maximum of ten days at a time. Also a journey to the USA means a flight in the first place to Copenhagen of nine hours' duration from Delhi; a halt there for a minimum of three days and then a flight to Cleveland of approximately seven and a half hours. The return will have to be handled in the same way. I do not therefore see how it will be possible for Master to undertake such a long and arduous journey. You may consider this in all its aspects and advise Master as you deem fit.

With regards,

Yours affectionately
Chari

cc. Revered Master
cc. Mr. William Waycott - with xerox copies of Mr. Barrett Day's letter.

Madras
22nd July 1981

Mr. Barrett J. Day
Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

Dear brother,

I have received your letter and I regret the delay in replying to it. I have referred your proposal to Mr. K.V. Reddy at Malaysia, who is Secretary for overseas centres and also forwarded copies to Revered Master at Shahjahanpur and to brother William Waycott, who is preceptor-in-charge of the United States. When anything is decided brother Reddy will communicate with you further.

It is nice of you to have taken so much trouble in formulating an attractive proposal for Master's consideration.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately
Chari

cc. Revered Master
cc. Mr. William Waycott
cc. Mr. K.V. Reddy, Malaysia

Madras
17th August 1981

My Beloved and Revered Master,

We are deeply concerned to hear alarming reports about your health, the general condition of weakness which is reported from all over by those who have visited you. My heart yearns to be with you, and perhaps the time has come for me to retire from service so that I can be available to be of some service to you and the Mission. I request you to consider this and let me have your advice in the matter.

I had written you a letter from Madurai about a month back, in which I had placed before you some disturbing thoughts that were present. I am happy to report that by your benevolence and love that thoughts have almost disappeared. It was the need of etiquette that I place these things before you.

One of our preceptors from Madurai had recently been on a global tour for his company. He was able to meet abhyasis at Rome and Torino in Italy, then abhyasis in several centres in the USA and also in Denmark. Shri V.J. Chandrasekhar, the concerned preceptor, appears to have done some good work on his business visit to those countries. In California an abhyasi from the Philippines has handed over to him a present for you—an enamelled badge—which I enclose herewith. Receipt may kindly be acknowledged.

For the past one year or more I am experiencing headache after meditation. If there is headache already it gets worse after meditation. The deeper the meditation, the worse the headache. I had tried some homeopathic medicine—Paris Qua—which has as one of the symptoms "worse after meditation" but it has not helped. Now this headache is becoming quite troublesome because the frequency of its attack is not less than thrice a week. I am placing this matter before you as a development.

Respected Brother Raghavendra Rao and Shri Ram Chandra Reddy were here and left for Bangalore. They will leave Bombay on the 22nd August for Zurich as you already know. Chi. Umesh leaves for Shahjahanpur via Delhi this evening, and I shall be sending this letter through him.

Since the longing to be with you for at least a few days is very strong and unbearable, I request your kind permission for eighteen of us to visit you in October from the 2nd night when we shall arrive from Delhi to the night of the 8th when we shall leave—a total stay in Shahjahanpur of six days. I shall send the final list to Brother Raizada in a few days time after typing it. In the meantime I request your kind permission for this visit by eighteen of us.

Chi. Krishna has completed his M.S. course and has to take an examination in two subjects in December 1981. He has been admitted into the M.B.A. course in the same University at Syracuse, and hopes to complete the degree by June 1982. He will be able to return to India only by September 1982. His address is:

P.R. Krishna
211, Comstock Avenue
Syracuse (N.Y.) 13210
USA

Bari Bahu Sulochana had also written you a letter from Madurai and it was enclosed with my letter referred to above, and since it was written as desired by you, and since it was her first letter to you, she has been disappointed that no reply was given by you.

My father continues as usual—no significant change. He complains of weakness and general debility but does not look after himself as he should. I look forward to receiving your permission at an early date. I also pray that you may kindly write something about my condition and progress.

Please give the matter of my premature retirement some thought and advise me what I should do. No doubt my work has become a fraction of what it was—I mean the Mission work—but still perhaps I can do more if I am free of my job which has become an unbearable mental burden to me. It is an act of daily exercise of the will to go to the office. I think that my headache may also be due in a large measure to the tension I am exposed to, and to the humiliation I am exposed to. In all my distress, both physical and psychological—I can only turn to you for help and guidance. Please forgive me if I am transgressing in any way by referring these matters to you.

With all my love for you, and adoration, and concern for your welfare,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Ref: 3196

Shahjahanpur
25th August 1981

My Dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 17th August 1981.

I want to keep your mind fresh all the time. If you want to minimise your thoughts, the help is there. The evening process will reduce it, and I feel that you are better.

If you feel annoyed of the present office work, telling upon your health, you may do just what the time requires.

I know that you want to do the work of our Mission, and you can do the best, and you are welcome to do it.

You may sit in meditation mildly. If it gives you comfort you may continue it. If meditation does not leave you fresh, leave it for some time but continue the second part of the evening practice, never mind even if it is for five minutes.

I appreciate the work done by Chandrasekhar, preceptor of Madurai during his tour; pass on my appreciation to him. I have received the badge.

I pray for Krishna to become healthier and successful in his pursuit. My blessings to Rajaji also for sound health.

As for my health, I am all right now; pain has subsided but weakness persists.

With blessings to Bahu,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/40/3281

Shahjahanpur
30th/31st August 1981

Subject:- **Zonal Secretary - Zone No. 8**
(Assam and Other Adjoining States)

Shri Gajanand Agarwal of Tinsukia is hereby directed to assume charge as Zonal Secretary of No 8 Zone (Assam and other adjoining states) vice Shri Raghubhir Prasad Agarwal, who is removed from the said charge forthwith.

Shri Raghubhir Prasad Agarwal will formally hand over the charge to Shri Gajanand Agarwal, under intimation to this HQ.

Shri Gajanand Agarwal will hold charge and perform the duties and functions assigned to the Zonal Secretary, at the pleasure of the President.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:

1. Shri Gajanand Agarwal, Tinsukia.
2. Shri Raghubhir Prasad Agarwal, Tinsukia.
3. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
4. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
5. All Zonal Secretaries in India.
6. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres, Malaysia.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

2nd September 1981

My Beloved Master,

I am in receipt of your affectionate letter No. 3196 dated 25th August, which came as much needed rain on parched soil below. I was so upset and miserable before it came, because it is so long—many months—since a letter bearing your beloved signature was received by me. Bahu is also overjoyed that you have graced her with a personal letter. We are well by your grace. Chi. Krishna is well in the USA, and his semester will start this week. He will be going to Boston next week to pay his respects to Br. Shri Raghavendra Rao and the others, and to meet Chi. Umesh and Bahu. He has got student appointment as an assistant in the university book store, and it will go to help in the financial cost of his continuing education there.

I shall follow your gracious advice in the matter of meditation and the evening cleaning. I am having mild headache almost every day. On most days it is relieved by the evening. On some days it gets worse and then I have to suffer it for twenty-four hours at least. There seems to be some relief by taking MIGRANIL which is for migraine-type headache. It helps on most of the days if taken sufficiently early, when the pain is almost in the anticipatory stage.

I do not see how my office situation can improve. All is possible by the Master's Grace. I shall exercise the utmost patience and tolerance, but it is humiliating to feel that I am unwanted, and still to have to go on with the daily grind. I am completely neglected in the office, and I deal only with such papers as come to my table. I have been almost totally bypassed, and the degree of exclusion has been growing ever since it began three years ago in October 1978, when our abhyasi brother Shri R. Swaminathan was removed from service. I do not know how I have pulled on these three years—it is only your grace and the inner strength that you have given me that made this possible. Sometimes I feel that I am coming to the limit of my endurance. There are rumours that some of the older executives may be offered some special terms for premature retirement. Perhaps my name may figure on the list. Nothing positive is known so far. It will all be as YOU will it to be. I shall not take any hasty action, and pray for strength and forbearance.

We have so far not received your kind approval to the proposed visit of twenty-one of us. I pray that this may be expedited.

With Pranams and salutations,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

SRCM 3687 **24th September 1981**

My dear Parthasarathi,

Today Babuji heard me read out your Hindi letter and he has also dictated the reply to it. It has been delayed because Babuji's health has been quite bad and we had to take him to Lucknow. There he was checked up and it was revealed that again there is acid being deposited.

He is very weak and he has no hunger at all. I too have been having fever for the last one month. At Lucknow the check-up was made by Dr. Agarwal and he suspects that the lungs have been affected. Now we have to consult an expert in this matter.

The following is the reply to your letter dictated by Babuji Maharaj.

"We should never trust in dreams. Generally they turn out to be wrong in interpretation. I have also had many such dreams which were not divine in nature. And of course they should not be included in our writings. Please do not be troubled by this.

"One should never have thoughts of weakness. There is much power in you and this will make your weak thoughts become strong. Transformation is going on and I am only working on this, of course not neglecting the other things. I feel that you are better. Believe me. Please see again.

"After receiving so much why do you consider yourself unfortunate? I now remember that I had a similar condition conferred upon me by Lalaji Saheb and I had reported it to Him also. When giving me a reply to it he said that this is a devilish display which has its effect quite close to the soul. References to this are available in plenty in Persian literature.

"You have not gone into your condition and looked at it; but my efforts cannot go waste nor have they in fact been wasted.

"I am not feeling any illness but my weakness is not disappearing."

I am sorry that due to circumstances beyond control your letter's reply from Rev. Master is delayed.

With love,

Yours affectionately,
Jaggan

25th September 1981

Revered and Beloved Master,

I hope that you had been to Lucknow for your monthly physical check, and that you are in good health. We are eagerly waiting for the few days to pass before we set out for your Holy and Benevolent darshan. I am grateful to you for permitting my father to undertake the visit to your holy abode.

You had instructed me to transfer as much of stocks of books as possible to Shahjahanpur through visiting abhyasis, and I have been doing this. So far perhaps half of the stocks have been, or are under transfer, I mean by the time we all come there. Abhyasis can carry only limited stocks as they are only allowed totally 35 kilograms. I request you to permit me to carry on in this manner as it is the least expensive, and at the same time ensures that the books arrive without any damage whatsoever. I await your formal approval.

I had written to you a letter in Hindi to which I have been anxiously awaiting a reply. I am sorry to trouble you but I was much troubled by the dream I have related therein. Kindly do reply.

With pranams and love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: No. 201/P-43/832

Shahjahanpur
4th/6th October 1981

In addition to his existing duties as Assistant to the President, Shri N.S. Rao will also perform additional duties of the Accountant of the Mission, until further orders, vice Shri Prabhu Dev, who has left.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

To: Shri N.S. Rao

The Secretary to the President to intimate this to:

1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary.
2. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary.
3. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres.

4. All Zonal Secretaries for information and communication to all centres in their zones.
5. In Charge, Shri Ram Chandra Mission ashram.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/42/3817

Shahjahanpur
5th October 1981

Office Order

To:
The General Secretary
Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Madras 600 018

Ref: Remittance of funds to headquarters from Madras Centre Funds and Headquarters accounts at Madras.

I hereby order that funds may continue to be accumulated under both the above accounts at Madras until further orders are issued in this connection.

The headquarters at Shahjahanpur will continue to remit/transfer funds to Madras against transfer bills raised by that centre for credit of the Headquarters account at Madras.

Ram Chandra
President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Madras
14th October 1981

Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Shahjahanpur (U.P.) 242 001

Revered Master,

Ref: Investment of funds of the Mission in Fixed Deposit.

During my recent visit to Shahjahanpur I inspected the accounts of the headquarters of the Mission and found that the following amounts were lying to the credit of the Mission with our Bankers, Allahabad Bank:-

1. General Fund as on 21-9-81	Rs 11,05,278.50
2. Building Fund as on 15-9-81	1,47,175.11
3. Corpus Fund as on 21-9-81	82,352.36
4. Foreign Fund as on 3-9-81	3,69,527.67
5. Press Fund with Post Office	9,049.27
Total	Rs. 17,13,382.91

I do not know whether any of the above funds have since been placed with fixed deposit with our bankers. If not, I consider that a decision may be taken in this regard with our auditor brother, Shri S.C. Kishore, to whom I am endorsing a copy of this letter with a request to convey to you his opinion in the matter.

By your grace we all reached here after a fairly comfortable journey. I trust that you are well.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Shri S.C. Kishore, New Delhi

[attached page 1 of 3]

Shahjahanpur H.O.

closing Balances

21.9.81 General Fund	11,05,278.50
15.9.81 Bldg Fund	1,47,175.11
21.9.81 Corpus Fund	82,352.36
03.9.81 Foreign	3,69,527.67
Press Fund (post office)	9,049.27
Total	17,13,382.91

In **Fixed Deposits** with ALD Bank

	8,95,000.00
TOTAL	26,08,382.91

P.R.
9th October 1981

[attached page 2 of 3]

List of FDR's at HQ as on 30-9-81

Fund	**Amount**	**Int**	**Due on**
Corpus	40,000	10%	14-10-81
Corpus	10,000	10%	14-11-81
Corpus	10,000	10%	8-1-82
Corpus	20,000	10%	2-2-82
Corpus	20,000	10%	1-3-82
Corpus	15,000	10%	1-4-82
Corpus	10,000	10%	13-7-82
Corpus	10,000	10%	16-8-82
Corpus	10,000	10%	1-11-82
Corpus	10,000	10%	8-11-82
Corpus	20,000	10%	2-12-82
Corpus	40,000	10%	4-3-83

Corpus	10,000	9%	2-4-83
Corpus	15,000	9%	8-5-83
Corpus	15,000	9%	1-7-83
Corpus	95,000	9%	1-3-84
Corpus	55,000	9%	2-7-84
Corpus	10,000	9%	1-8-84
Corpus	10,000	9%	25-9-84
	4,25,000		

[attached page 3 of 3]

Fund	**Amount**	**Int**	**Due on**
General	1,00,000	10%	1-3-82
	50,000	10%	3-12-82
	10,000	9%	1-8-84
	2,500,000	9%	25-9-84
	4,10,000		
Building	40,000	10%	15-2-82
Building	20,000	10%	15-2-82
	60,000		

P.R.
14th October 1981

19th October 1981

Beloved Master,

By your benevolent grace we all arrived safe and sound back home. The travel both ways was quite comfortable.

I am requesting a young abhyasi of the Mission who started practice just four months ago at Bombay to visit you for guidance. He is a young boy of 22 years, and employed as a management trainee with the Taj Mahal group of hotels (five star hotels). After having completed his training in Bombay, he has been asked to go around all the group hotels in India and stay two weeks at each place under a familiarisation programme. He came to Madras and has completed two weeks here with Taj Coromandel, and has left yesterday for Delhi. After two weeks there, he goes to Varanasi, and during that period I have asked him to visit you, and have written to Brother Jaggan to waive the formality of advance permission in his case.

He complained of violent body movements during meditation, and said that on one occasion he had actually fallen out of his bed. When he was in our group satsangh I observed him. There were violent up-and-down movements of the head for about two minutes. It stopped for a few seconds, and then violent side-to-side movement of the head began. This continued for two minutes or so and then stopped. There was a pause of a few seconds, and then the up-and-down motion began again, and so it went on, one after the other. This continued right through the sitting. It was as if he was possessed. I have seen similar violent movement in such cases of "possession". Of course in this case I tried a little to stop it but as it was a group satsangh I did not succeed. The next morning I called him for individual sitting, and during it the movement was stopped for long periods, and when it started it was of very moderate intensity. In the second individual sitting the whole thing was completely eradicated. He has had two or three subsequent sittings before he left Madras, and has had extremely peaceful and deep sittings such as he has not had before as all his sittings earlier were deeply disturbed ones. It is all your grace. He has left, taking with him a confidence in the Master that he had not before. I wish him to see you so that the Master's benevolent hand may fall upon him. His name is Shri Mahendra Singh Rathore, a Rajput.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

P.S. Bari Bahu sends her Pranams. Chi. Krishna is well.

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: F.A.P.R./44 **Shahjahanpur**
22nd October 1981

Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Shahjahanpur (U.P.) 242 001

Anantpur Centre: Exemption from Operation
of Rule 9(1) of the S.R.C.M. Financial,
Accounting and Procedural Rules - 1981.

I, President of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Shahjahanpur, exempt Anantpur centre of Shri Ram Chandra Mission from the operation of Rule 9(1) of S.R.C.M. Rules 1981 for the time being. The above centre may retain Rs. 40,000/- for construction of ashram building at Anantpur.

Ram Chandra
President

1. The Preceptor-in-charge, Anantpur centre of SRCM.
2. The General Secretary, SRCM, Madras-18.
3. The Zonal Secretary, No. 1 Zone, Vijayawada.
4. The Joint Secretary, SRCM, Shahjahanpur.
5. The Accountant, SRCM, Shahjahanpur.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

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Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/45/308/4228 **Shahjahanpur**
1st November 1981

Dear Brother,

Re: **Research Work**

As a member of the Mission, I suppose, we know for ourselves, the efficacy of 'Sahaj Marg', its benefits and experiences to us. The Mission has also its published literature which is full of research. But I find that, on individual level, the record of day to day experiences in the daily life and change coming into the self is irregularly maintained by many abhyasis. So the effect the practise of Sahaj Marg is producing on the abhyasis goes without record. For this reason the Mission is facing difficulties in substantiating by documentary evidence its claim on the research aspect. The problem would have been eased if all the members were maintaining their personal diary regularly coupled with the diary of the preceptors of the work done by them on the abhyasis.

I want the Mission to be recognised as a Research Association with its social importance. For this purpose the Mission will have to produce certain basic records and data to support its claim.

With this end in view, I have selected you to help the Mission in achieving the above objective. You may select a few good regular abhyasis for the purpose and send me their names. Please ask them to maintain daily diary regularly—my, own printed autobiography could be of guidance to them in what to write and the lines on which the diary should be maintained. To start with, if the concerned abhyasi has not maintained a diary so far, let the abhyasi recite in his own words his past background with emphasis on listing out his complexes, habits, likes and dislikes and their intensity as far as he could recollect before starting the abhyas. Then the date of joining the Mission and the name of the preceptor who introduced him to the system may be given. The changes noticed by him in the above said complexes, habits, likes and dislikes and their intensity as a result of this practice since joining the Mission may be recited. Thereafter the feelings during the puja and throughout the day may be noted datewise daily. The record should be truthful.

The preceptor should maintain separately a record about each selected abhyasi. Their reading about the abhyasi's condition should be noted and the work done in each sitting should be detailed. The effect noted later in his reading should be recorded. Preceptors' recording should also be truthful. As a matter of fact, the work as per the preceptor's diary would get reflected over the period in the notes of the abhyasi. The preceptors are the arteries of the Mission and I expect them to be free from doubts. Query should take place of doubts. The preceptor would feel my help in their work. The preceptors, however, should be careful to see that impartiality in their work is not affected as a result of this.

When the selected abhyasis come to Shahjahanpur, I should be informed. The work done on them here would be noted at headquarters and if necessary the same would be communicated to the concerned preceptor for his guidance. In any event, the preceptors should record in their notes the changes as far as they can read, after the return of such abhyasis from my place.

You are expected to send a copy of the 'Preceptor's Diary' separately for each such abhyasi and the 'Abhyasi's Diary', each month for perusal by me.

At headquarters, letters, reports, copies of diaries, etc. for each such abhyasi should be placed separately under different covers. The preceptors should see that the copy of their diary work for each such abhyasi is given separately so that the same can be placed in their relevant files here.

I am requesting the Director, Sahaj Marg Research Institute, at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), India, to correlate the data furnished and compile the necessary data to establish that the Mission is a Research Association for transformation of the human personality and change in the human behaviour.

I hope you would extend me your co-operation in this great task.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra
President

1. Circulated by order of the President to the preceptors selected for the purpose.
2. Circulated by order of the President to the Director, Sahaj Marg Research Institute, Tirupati.
3. Circulated by order of the President to the General Secretary, Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras.
4. Circulated by order of the President to Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres, Malaysia.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Names of Preceptors Selected for Research Work

1. Shri R. Krishnaswamy, New Delhi
2. Shri Dr. V. Parthasarathy, Vijayawada
3. Shri K.V. Reddy, Malaysia
4. Shri S.A. Sarnad, Gulbarga
5. Dr. Gangloff, West Germany
6. Shri Basudev Singh, Amethi (Lucknow)
7. Sister Kasturi, Lucknow
8. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Shahjahanpur
9. Dr. S.P. Srivastava, Lakhimpur (Kheri)
10. Jens Clausen, Copenhagen, Denmark
11. Ms. Christiana, Montreal (Canada)
12. Prof. Laxmi Shankar, Allahabad
13. Mr. K.C. Narayana, Hyderabad
14. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras

Office Note: Any other out of best man can be taken.

Ram Chandra
1st November 1981

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/47/4242

Shahjahanpur
2nd November 1981

The Mission's Secretary Overseas Centres Mr. K.V. Reddy (Malaysia) has explained that it would promote the objects of the Mission and help to create better brotherly feelings, cohesion and understanding, particularly in abhyasis outside India, if a function of the Mission in the West in the year 1982 is conducted to mark the completion of the first decade of the visit of the Mission's President abroad. I have considered over the matter.

I hereby authorise Mr. K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres, to take steps to organise such a function at an appropriate place in Europe preferably in the month of September 1982. He would recommend to me the names of the members of the Celebration Committee which would organise this function, of which he will be the Chairman.

In view of the importance of the function, I have decided to attend the same personally.

Persons wishing to join the said function from India should send their names through their Zonal Secretary, to this headquarters with a photograph.

At headquarters the matter will be decided by Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary and Shri J.R.K. Raizada, Secretary to the President.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:

1. Mr. K.V. Reddy, Secretary, Overseas Centres, Malaysia, Camp Shahjahanpur.
2. Preceptors-in-charge abroad.
3. Mr. P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary.
4. All the Zonal Secretaries in India.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: R/48/4392 **Shahjahanpur**
2nd November 1981

To relieve Prof. Laxmi Shanker, Zonal Secretary, Zone No. 5, and Publications Superintendent, of the burden of work and responsibilities at this time of his health, I have decided to make the following temporary arrangements till further orders, with immediate effect:

1. Shri Y.K. Gupta, Zonal Secretary, Zone No. 6, will look after Zone No. 5.
2. Shri Rajeshwar Prasad Mathur, Preceptor-in-charge, Delhi centre will look after the work of Zonal Secretary, Zone No. 6.
3. Shri J.R.K. Raizada, Secretary to the President, will look after the duties of the Publications Superintendent, Publications Department.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:

1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, at Madras.
2. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.

3. All the Zonal Secretaries in India.
4. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres, Malaysia.
5. The Accountant, Shri N.S. Rao.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

17th November 1981

Beloved Master,

I pray that this letter finds you in good health. I am sending this letter through Shri R.G. Viswanathan of this centre.

Tonight at about 9:30 P.M. Chi. Umesh and Chotti Bahu are to return to Madras. This information I got both from our Bombay centre as well as from the brother-in-law of Chi. Umesh. I shall meet them on arrival tonight at the airport.

I understand from a letter I received from Chi. Umesh a week or so ago that respected Brother Raghavendra Rao and Shri Ram Chandra Reddy will follow the original tour programme and return around the 30th November.

By your grace we are all in good health. My father had gone to Delhi, Nasik and Bombay and subsequently to Poona and Uruli Kanchan, and after completing this long journey has returned to Madras only last week. He too is well. Chi. Krishna is at Syracuse and is under considerable mental and emotional strain. He has to put in about eighteen hours of work every day, and has to study for the examinations of two separate courses—M.S. and M.B.A.—almost concurrently due to some confusion in the departments about the courses. He is much concerned, and I can only advise him to pray to the Master for guidance and help. By your grace all will be well with him. He has to complete both the courses and the examinations by April 1982, and then work for a few months to earn some money for the return ticket, and then plan to return in September 1982. I pray to you for assistance to him in all ways.

As far as I am concerned, I seem to be passing through a time of tension and doubts. Sometimes I feel that my heart is weeping inside, and when this surfaces to the consciousness, then tears come into the eyes too. It is a peculiar feeling of total rejection that I am having, though in rational thought there is perhaps no reason for such thoughts to arise in my mind. You alone know the secrets of the inner self and the reasons for all these things. I seem to be convinced that I am no longer needed anywhere for anything. I feel this idea of being rejected very strongly. It appears to me that there is a feeling of unworthiness for anything. There is also a general lassitude, and I have to will myself to effort. All these things are there, and I find a general sorrow of existence itself deepening almost day by day. There is a general melancholy pervading all through. These things are all there, and whether they are good or bad only you can say.

I am also very unhappy that direct communication with you seems to be diminishing. It is of course very wrong of me to expect any special favours from you, but having become used to receiving personal letters from you at least at infrequent intervals, silence from you is something that seems to add to the feeling of rejection I have written about above. In fact this may perhaps be one of the lesser reasons for this feeling. I have written to you about this even earlier. To feel that even the Master Himself has rejected me is something that has, on one occasion, raised even thought of a very extreme and destructive nature. I pray that such things should not remain in me.

Bari Bahu send her loving pranams, and seeks your benevolent help for Chi. Krishna.

With Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Shahjahanpur
21st November 1981

My Dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 17th November 1981.

It is very astonishing that you feel discouraged at this stage. I do not know how these ideas crept in. This may be due to the effect of outer environment which can very easily be removed by yourself and see that you are all right. You have the power and the will to remove the weakening ideas/weaknesses. Exercise your will to eradicate the things coming from out. Help is also there in plenty and I am playing my part of a father to the child.

You have not realised what you are and your worth to the Mission. My hopes are in you. How I should convince you that you are now the part of my very existence—believe me.

I shall take care to write to you twice or thrice a month and you may respond.

Chi. Krishna will be all right. Ask him to write to me. Let him see me when he comes to India.

Please write to me after meeting Chi. Umesh, about how he feels now.

My health is very much better now.

With Blessings to Bahu and to you,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

4th December 1981

My Beloved Master,

I do not know how to express to you my gratitude for all that your kindness and love has been showering down upon all of us in my family. It is a great benediction to have you, and Nature must be thanked eternally for having made you available to us and accessible to us too. I do not think mankind can again get a Master who is so human, so loving, and so generous. May you live for ever!

Chi. Umesh and Choti Bahu arrived on the 17th November, and I met them at the airport on arrival. Chi. Umesh looks very much better and healthier, and I believe that his treatment abroad has done him much good. He said that he has brought along enough medicines for many months. He and his wife and children are all well. I believe that he is planning to visit you at the end of this month, and will again come for Basant.

As advised by you I shall exert my will to see that unwanted thoughts do not enter me. I am already finding considerable improvement in my condition.

Bari Bahu sends you her love and pranams. She is well. My last brother and his family have come down for a month from Singapore. You know that last December he lost his first son after major heart surgery in New Zealand. Now that poor boy's annual *shradh* is being performed.

Chi. Umesh told me that he has been able to ascertain positively that your brother who had gone to England in 1931 had passed away in 1979. We are all sorry to hear this sad news. It must be a great sorrow to you that you could not meet him even once after he left home to settle in England. Chi. Umesh told me that he has already written to you about this.

Our pranams and gratitude to you.

With all our love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

17th December 1981

My Revered Master,

I hope that you are well. Did you go to Lucknow for your physical check-up? Kindly let me know.

I have to place before you the following two points for your consideration and instructions.

1. You have all along instructed me NOT TO transfer funds from Madras to Shahjahanpur without your personal written instructions. When the F/A/P/Rules were introduced, you exempted Madras centre from the operation of the retention rule. It was done by you. I did not ask for the exemption. Yet it is being made to appear that I have a personal vested interest in retaining Mission funds at Madras. When I was there in October I asked you again for your clarification and you reiterated the same. Now I am sorry to state that Shahjahanpur H.O. is NOT transferring funds against bills raised by this centre. I do not know the reason for this, but I leave you to decide in which ever way you wish. If it is the intention that all funds be transferred from here, I will most happily close one of the bank accounts and transfer all funds. It will relieve me of a very great responsibility and of much additional work that the operation of two bank accounts, and two sets of accounts, entails. I await your instructions in the matter. I am rather upset at the repeated attempts being made to malign me on this issue. If you decide that all funds should go to the HQ it will be of much mental relief to me.
2. Transfer of books. This is a very troublesome business. You know that every II class passenger is allowed only 35 kilograms of personal baggage. Only when large groups travel to Shahjahanpur does it become possible to move a large number of books. If they travel in winter, then their own baggage is more—say at least 25 kilograms—and much additional baggage is not possible. Under the circumstances please let me have your instructions whether I

should send a large consignment by rail by passenger booking. The maximum that three groups going from here for Basant can carry will perhaps account for one-third of the stock lying here. I would like to send the rest by rail if you so instruct. Such books will be sent of which there are adequate stocks at HQ for Basant sale.

I would also humbly suggest that if this policy of centralisation of stocks at HQ is to be pursued, then a decision may be taken to print books locally.

Parthasarathi

17th December 1981

Dr. G. Kupruswamy
Preceptor-in-charge
Tirupati Centre

Respected Brother,

Thank you for your affectionate letter of the 16th, and for your kindness in asking me to preside over the Founder's Day celebrations of the Tirupati Centre on 27th December 1981. I shall be happy to participate in the celebration and shall try my best to come there on Saturday 26th. As far as presiding is concerned, it is the prerogative of your zonal secretary to nominate someone to do this. You may refer to him in the matter. I regret that on this occasion I must beg you to excuse me from this. I repeat that I shall try my best to attend. Kindly let me know the programme by return if possible.

Father and my wife are both well and thank you for your kind enquiries. I shall try to bring them too.

With my pranams and affection,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Dr. V. Parthasarathy
cc. Revered Master

18th December 1981

My Beloved and Revered Master,

I hope that this finds you well. By your grace we are all well here. My Singapore brother has come here with his wife and son and been here about a month. Having celebrated the son's *Upanayanam* ceremony—for which your blessings were received—he is leaving for Singapore tomorrow. His wife and son will go after two weeks. So we have been having quite a hectic time all these weeks.

I am sending 150 newly printed "Provisional Permission" certificates through Brother Shri Narayanaswamy—who will also be giving you this letter. He is regular in Sunday satsangh but does not come for other sittings. He says that he is very busy.

My condition has improved since I last wrote to you. I am also able to meditate without the headache coming. I am nowadays meditating from 2 A.M. to 4 A.M., rather sometime in between for forty-five minutes to one hour and find it more beneficial. Of course I am not able to do it every night, but I shall try for it. I wish I could develop soon to a level where I can be more useful to the Mission. It is all in your loving hands. On my part I shall try to improve myself in all possible ways—with your guidance and blessings. I pray that I may be successful in this.

Bari Bahu has her problems. She takes everything to heart, and suffers much from what people say. She is getting more isolated from my family members. She refuses to change. I have often spoken to her about this, but then she feels that I am not supporting her! I don't know what to do. Only you can help her to modify her outlook and make her life more pleasant, and the relationship with others more fruitful and loving. After all we have to live amicably with the other members of the family. I pray for your help in this matter and also for her higher spiritual approach whenever you deem her ready for it.

I pray that you may make me a fit vessel for your grace and love which you have been unstintedly showering upon me. My only desire is to become what you want me to become.

With love and devotion,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: FAPR/P-49/157

Shahjahanpur
26th December 1981

With a view to enable the HQ of the Mission to implement the F.A.P. Rules 1981 effectively, I have decided that the information as per enclosed letter should be sent by every Accounting Centre, each month.

Ram Chandra
President

To:
All Accounting Centres.
All Zonal Secretaries.
The General Secretary, Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras.
The Joint Secretary, Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Shahjahanpur.
The Accountant, Shri N.S. Rao, Shahjahanpur.

Copy circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: F.A.P.R./P-50 **Shahjahanpur**
26th December 1981

Clarification on Transfer of Funds Between Centres

Under the Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules, 1981, of the Mission, basically all the funds have to come to the Headquarters. Therefore, when any centre supplies any publication to another centre, the **money** for the same should be **remitted to the Headquarters** and **not to the centre** which supplied the publication. This would avoid delays in reconciliation of inter-centres transactions arising due to absence of proper and timely details from the centres and finalisation of accounts.

When any centre supplies any publication it should make the bill in the name of the Headquarters giving full details of the publication supplied with name of the centre and send copies of the same to the concerned centre and the Headquarters. The receiving centre should send its acknowledgement to the Headquarters.

Separate accounts for each such receiving centre shall be opened at the Headquarters in the memorandum books, the bills raised will be charged to their account and the moneys received will be credited with full particulars of date, receipt number, draft number etc. to the respective account.

This clarification will not change any provision of the said Rules.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

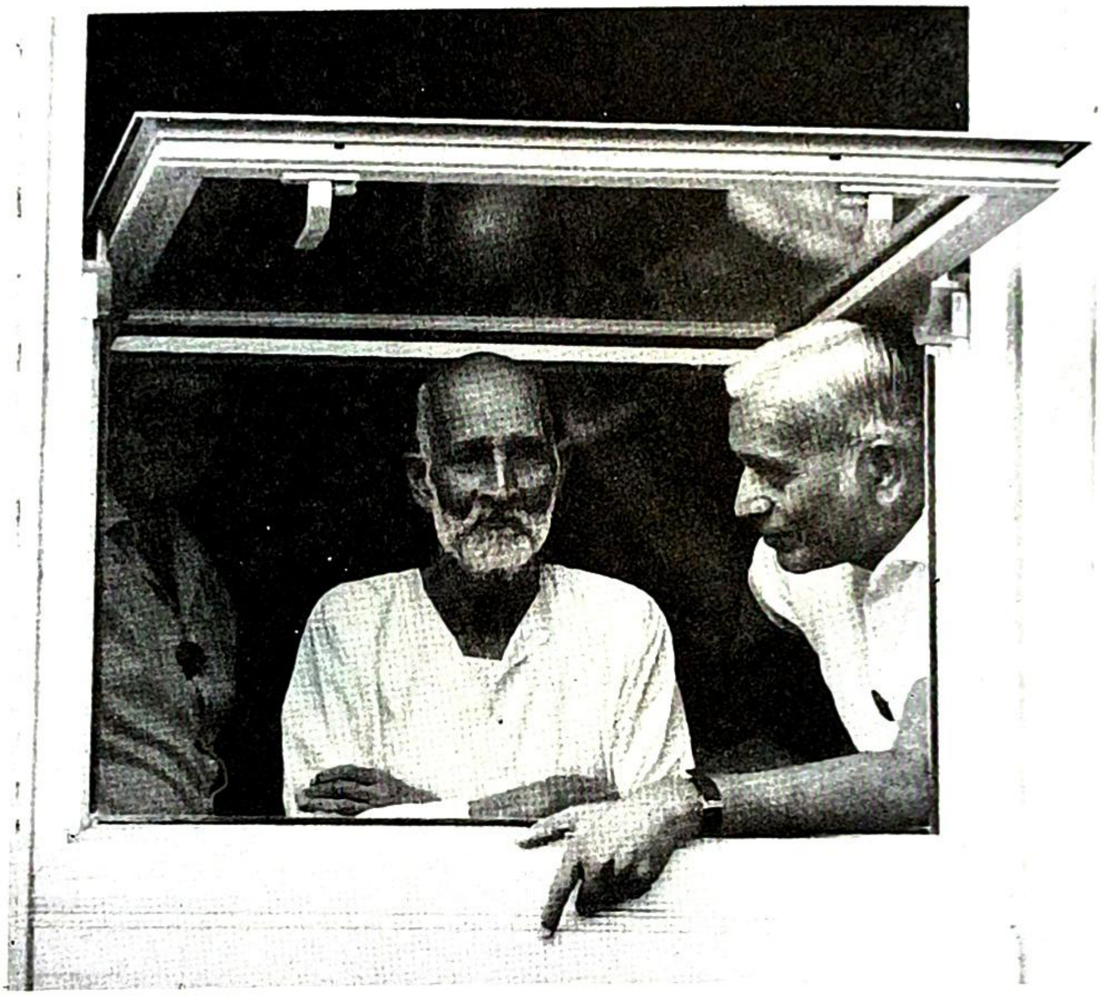
Copy to:

1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, SRCM, Madras.
2. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, SRCM, Shahjahanpur.

3. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres, Kuala Lumpur.
4. All the Zonal Secretaries in India, to circulate to all the centres in their zones under intimation to this headquarters and to watch its compliance.
5. Shri N.S. Rao, Accountant of the Mission, Shahjahanpur.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission



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1st January 1982

The President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Shahjahanpur, U.P.

Revered Master,

Ref: Gift of 15 cents of land to the Mission at Tirupur as per your approval

I am happy to inform you that abhyasi brother Shri R. Pechimuth of the Tirupur centre of the Mission has donated 15 cents of land for the purpose of constructing an ashram.

I am enclosing herewith a photostat copy of the "Deed of Gift" executed by him and registered in the office of the District Registrar of Tirupur. The original deed of gift is being retained by the Tirupur centre for safe custody, but if it is to be deposited at the Headquarters of the Mission, it will be sent on instructions from you.

The donated land is valued at Rs.1500.00 only, and has been registered accordingly.

By your grace an ashram of the Mission may come up soon at Tirupur.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Tirupur centre
cc. Zonal Secretary

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/51/285 **Shahjahanpur**
9th/10th January 1982

I, as President of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, appoint the Preparatory Committee for the Tenth Anniversary Celebrations to be held from the 10th September 1982 to the 17th September 1982 in Europe at the place to be decided by Mr. K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres, with the following members:

1. Mr. K.V. Reddy, (Malaysia) Chairman
2. Andre Poray, (France) Vice-Chairman
3. Dr. Hanns Gangloff, (W. Germany) Vice-Chairman
4. Stella Jacquerod, (Switzerland) Vice-Chairman
5. Elidir Davies, (U.K.) Vice-Chairman
6. Don Sabourin, (Canada) Vice-Chairman
7. William Waycott, (USA) Treasurer
8. Bairbre Reddy, (Ireland) Secretary
9. Martine Faideau, (France) Secretary
10. Mali De Robilant, (Switzerland) Secretary
11. Jens Clausen (Denmark)
12. Anne-Marie Van Steven (Holland)
13. Antonietta Bernardi (Italy)
14. Diana Oliva Mena Sanch (Spain)
15. Fred Weinstock (USA)
16. Khoosalbhai K. Patel (South Africa)
17. J.R.K. Raizada (India)
18. P. Rajagopalachari (India)
19. Kashi Ram Agarwal (India)
20. S.C. Kishore (India)

Ram Chandra
President

Copy to:

1. Mr. K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres.
2. Mr. P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary.

3. All the members of the Preparatory Committee.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: 600

Shahjahanpur
24th/27th January 1982

By virtue of the powers vested in me as President under the Constitution and Bye-laws of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, I hereby nominate the following persons to be the members of the Working Committee, whose function is to assist the President in all matters pertaining to the control and organisation of the Mission, as contemplated in the Article 4(a) of the Rules and Constitution of the Mission, with effect from 24th January, Nineteen hundred and eighty-two. The Committee will present its minutes to the President in the form of suggestions.

Members:

1. Dr. S.P. Srivastava
2. Shri D.R. Vitthal Rao
3. Shri K.V. Subba Rao
4. Shri P.C. Chaturvedi
5. Shri P.C. Saxena
6. Shri Ramanlal Mimani
7. Shri Ashok Narayan
8. Shri B.M. Heble
9. Shri Kothandaraman Rajagopalachari
10. Shri V.R. Bapat
11. Shri K.C. Narayana

a. The Secretary (General Secretary) and the Joint Secretary of the Mission shall be Ex-Officio Members of the Working Committee.
b. The Secretary Overseas Centres of the Mission shall be the Ex-Officio Member of the Working Committee.
c. All the Zonal Secretaries in India shall be Ex-Officio members of the Working Committee.
d. The Secretary to the President shall be the Ex-Officio Member of the Working Committee and all the subcommittees.
e. Shri S.C. Kishore shall be a special invitee to the Working Committee.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy forwarded to:-
1. All the members of the working committee.
2. The General Secretary and Joint Secretary, Shri P. Rajagopalachari and Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal.
3. The Secretary Overseas Centres, Shri K.V. Reddy.
4. All the Zonal Secretaries in India.
    (i) Dr. V. Parthasarathi, Zone No. 1.
    (ii) Shri K. Mahalingam, Zone No. 2.
    (iii) Shri S.A. Sarnad, Zone No. 3.
    (iv) Shri Kantibhai Patel, Zone No. 4.
    (v) Shri Rajeshwar Prasad Mathur, Zone No. 5.
    (vi) Shri Y.K. Gupta, Zone No. 6.
    (vii) Shri Gajanand Agarwal, Zone No. 8.
5. Shri J.R.K. Raizada, Secretary to the President.
6. Shri S.C. Kishore.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P-53/625

Shahjahanpur
24th/27th January 1982

It is hereby circulated for the information of all concerned that in the interest of the Mission, the working of the various office-bearers, functionaries and all the preceptors of the Mission will be reviewed from time to time.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:
All concerned.
General Secretary, Mr. P. Rajagopalachari.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P-53/632

Shahjahanpur
24th/27th January 1982

With a view to keep the concerned persons posted with the orders passed by the President concerning the organisation and finance, the Secretary to the President is hereby directed to send copies of all such orders to Zonal Secretaries in India, Secretary Overseas Centres, and preceptors in India and forward copies of relevant orders passed in the future.

Ram Chandra
President

Copy forwarded to:
1. The General Secretary, Shri P. Rajagopalachari.

2. The Joint Secretary, Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal.
3. The Accountant, Shri N.S. Rao.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada

Ref: 714 **Shahjahanpur**
31st January 1982

Shri Raghavendra Rao
Raichur

Dear Brother,

You had gone to Canada, United States of America and Europe with Umesh. The members of the Mission had extended to you the hospitality while you were abroad. You have not given any information and report so far to me for the same.

Before leaving India, you were asked to submit your tour programme after the treatment of Umesh for my approval, which you did not do.

Your behaviour pattern while abroad was a constant stress and strain on me and to guard the Mission and your condition, I had to labour hard. It is very painful for me that even after giving you so much love and affection, due to your own behaviour pattern, you were not able to maintain yourself and the spiritual discipline expected of you in Sahaj Marg.

Since I have done so much work on you, I give you time to improve yourself and that will be final.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Copy to Shri R. Ram Chandra Reddy, Cuddapah (A.P.).
Copy to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
Copy to Shri S.A. Sarnad, Zonal Secretary, Zone 3.

No. 1187

Shahjahanpur
4th/5th March 1982

Shri P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary, Madras

Dear Brother,

Certain records of the Mission are being maintained at Madras, for some of them even the originals are there.

Kindly send me a detailed list of the papers, documents etc. maintained there. If you could supplement the same say every quarter, the information at the headquarters could also be up-to-date.

I think it may do good to have a 'Record Register' giving full reference therein of all the records, with initials to make the same authentic.

I think this could bring better co-ordination and functioning with headquarters.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Enclosure: one.

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P-55/1197

Shahjahanpur
4th/6th March 1982

In view of the wholetime duties as Accountant of the Mission, I find that Shri N.S. Rao, is hard put to look after as 'Assistant to the President', in addition to his duties as Accountant.

Accordingly I have decided to relieve Shri N.S. Rao of the duties of the 'Assistant to the President' with immediate effect.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:
1. Shri N.S. Rao, Shahjahanpur.
2. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
3. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres, Malaysia.
4. All the Zonal Secretaries in India.
5. Shri Kashi Ram, Joint Secretary.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P-54/1192

Shahjahanpur
4th/6th March 1982

Mr. Don Sabourin, Preceptor-in-charge Canada, has shifted to the United States of America, due to his work. I have considered this matter and decided that this gap at Canada should be filled in.

I hereby appoint Mrs. Christine Langstaff of Canada, as 'Preceptor-in-charge' Canada, in place of Mr. Don Sabourin, for the reason given above.

Mr. Don will hand over the necessary papers and information to her so that she could function effectively.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:
1. Smt. Christine Langstaff, Canada.
2. Shri Don Sabourin, USA
3. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
4. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary, Overseas Centres, Malaysia.
5. Shri Kashi Ram, Joint Secretary.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Camp Virudhunagar
Friday 5th March 1982

Revered and Beloved Master,

There have been no letters from you after I returned from Basant. I hope and pray that you are well. What about your Madras visit? We are all eagerly awaiting your arrival and hope to receive your programme shortly.

Shri V.J. Chandrasekhar, Prefect, at Madurai is making a sudden trip to Delhi and has requested permission to pay his respects at your holy feet at Shahjahanpur. In anticipation of your approval, I am according him the permission to visit Shahjahanpur from 16th March for three days. Your approval may please be granted. He needs your blessings. He has been quite sick recently and has recovered by your grace.

I feel that he has improved much in his spiritual condition in the last one year and deserves a higher approach.

My father is at Bangalore and is considering undergoing cataract eye operation. He says he has written to you praying for your approval. I hope your reply has been issued. Please look after him.

Bari Bahu and I are here since past eight days and are likely to return to Madras by 11th March. We are both eager and hungry for your beloved Presence at Madras and anxiously await your arrival. Many things are troubling me. It is all your grace that I am able to continue with some degree of happiness and tranquillity.

Chi. Krishna is well in Syracuse (USA) and by your affectionate grace hopes to complete both his degrees (M.S. and M.B.A.) and get back by end of September this year.

Our prayers for your eternal welfare and happiness.

With Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

15th March 1982

Beloved and Revered Master,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1187 dated 4th/5th March regarding accounts and documents maintained at Madras.

The following are the records maintained here:

1. Cards of preceptors and prefects—two sets, one of which is meant for HQ but is retained under your instructions. This set will be transferred to HQ later this year as soon as the abhyasis cards which are under compilation are completed.
2. Abhyasis cards—the work was begun in January 1982, and so far 1500 abhyasis cards have been completed. It is slow and laborious work as the cards have to be individually typed, and then the photographs pasted on. Two sets are under preparation, one for HQ and the second for Madras. I hope that this can be completed before the end of September this year.

3. Life subscriber register. This is an original record being maintained here, and lists all life subscribers to "Sahaj Marg". Copies of the letters issued to subscribers are sent to HQ for their action, and from such copies they compile a register there.
4. A file containing **copies** of certificates issued to prefects and preceptors of the Mission. This was begun from your 1st European tour of 1972. I do not have copies of certificates issued before April 1972. This is a duplicate record maintained at General Secretary's office for purposes of safety.
5. Files are maintained on the ashrams of the Mission. The file for particular centre is opened when proposals for land are approved. Thereafter, the file is made up by adding the various HQ approval papers, as also the plans etc., as and when they are prepared, and made available by the centre concerned. This, too, is a duplicate record, as the original record must be at HQ This file also contains Xerox or photostat copies of the concerned documents, such as sale deed or gift deed pertaining to the land for the ashram. The original legal documents are deposited with HQ by the concerned centres.
6. Two files are maintained on FAPR and connected matters. The copies of the President's orders are also filed in the FAPR file.
7. One file is maintained for each of the eight zones of the Mission. This contains copies of correspondence, copies of orders concerning the zone, as well as reports on the activities of the centres in the zone, zonal secretary's reports etc.
8. There is one file for each of the countries of the world outside India, containing the General Secretary's correspondence with preceptors/abhyasis of the countries.
9. One file is maintained in which all the papers relating to railway concession to abhyasis for Basant are filed. The file commences with the application to the Railway Board, followed by the Board's approval, and then contains letters

from centres with lists of abhyasis desiring concession. The final papers deal with the Mission's report to the Railway Board, and its acknowledgement, if any. At this stage the file for the year is closed.

10. File on my correspondence with the Revered Master.
11. File containing matters relating to printing of the Mission publications—such as correspondence with HQ etc. This file also contains the statement of publication costs for each title published. The original cost of publication statement is sent to HQ for accounting purposes as also for purposes of permanent record.
12. Accounts statements and records pertaining to Headquarters accounts at Madras. A register is maintained for stocks of books, photographs, badges, etc.
13. One register is maintained reflecting the transactions with other centres and contains entries for debit and credit against the concerned centres.
14. One set of the Mission's final accounts for the last five years.
15. One file on matters relating to Taxation, including the correspondence relating to Tax exemption u/s 10(23) C lv.

As far as I can make out, the above records all pertain to the General Secretary and the HQ functions carried on at Madras. Please let me know whether you need any further details. Of course Madras centre records (mainly accounts matters) are maintained in separate files, along with supporting registers etc.

When are you coming to Madras? We are eagerly awaiting you.

With pranams and love,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

[not dated]

My Dear Parthasarathi,

I received your letter dated 15th March 1982, and was happy, thinking and hoping to get entertaining the guests of the Mission in the right order. To my surprise, I found a great disappointment. Whenever I need, I take refuge at the Feet of my Master.

The money of the Mission I have only consented to have it with you at Madras. I need it here and leave it to your wisdom to take steps.

I think my services are not to your liking, to give you heart to have solace. That is why hoping the reply soon.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref. 1487

Shahjahanpur
29th March 1982

Tour programme of His Holiness, Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj, President, Shri Ram Chandra Mission, to Surat, April/May 1982.

April 26, 1982	00:20 hrs.	Dep. Shahjahanpur by Lucknow Mail
April 26, 1982	7:30 hrs.	Arr. New Delhi
April 26, 1982		Stay at Delhi
April 27, 1982	6:45 hrs.	Dep. New Delhi to Bombay - Indian Airlines
April 27, 1982	8:30 hrs.	Arr. Bombay
April 27, 1982	10:45 hrs.	Dep. Bombay to Surat by Western Express
April 27, 1982	14:30 hrs.	Arr. Surat

Return

May 5, 1982	8:00 hrs.	Dep. Surat to Baroda by car
May 5, 1982	10:30 hrs.	Arr. Baroda
May 5, 1982	15:00 hrs.	Dep. Baroda for Ahmedabad by car
May 5, 1982	18:00 hrs.	Arr. Ahmedabad
May 6, 1982	Whole day stay at Ahmedabad	
May 7, 1982	7:20 hrs.	Dep. Ahmedabad by Indian Airlines
May 7, 1982	8:35 hrs.	Arr. New Delhi
May 7, 1982	13:45 hrs.	Dep. New Delhi for Shahjahanpur by K.V. Express
May 7, 1982	10:00 hrs.	Arr. Shahjahanpur

K.R. Agarwal
Joint Secretary
Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Shahjahanpur

5th April 1982

My Beloved Master,

I hope that you are well. I understand that you had been to Lucknow for a check-up. I trust that all the reports were good.

I have received your tour programme for the Surat visit. Needless to say that we are all very very disappointed that Madras does not find a place in the programme. You had yourself expressed a wish to come here. I pray to you to reconsider, and if possible include Madras—at least for a few days—in the Surat programme. You can fly Delhi - Ahmedabad, then go by train to Surat, then again by train to Bombay, and then fly Bombay - Madras - Delhi. I await your kind decision.

By your love and grace, my father was operated for cataract on the 31st March at Bangalore. Bari Bahu and I went to Bangalore on the 1st and stayed there for three days. The operation has been pronounced a total success. The bandages will be removed in about ten days. My father is well. I do not know how to thank you for your love and mercy.

Chi. Krishna must have had his comprehensive examination for his M.S. degree on the 2nd April. Later he will have the second comprehensive examination for the M.B.A. degree too. He will complete both the degrees and return home at the end of December 1982.

On Friday 2nd April morning I had a dream. It is as follows. I am outside a house, probably on the veranda, and an abhyasi sister, a European, is standing next to me. You are inside a room, and I can see you from where I am standing, through an open door. Someone gives you a book-like thing, which is about 7" long and about 5" wide, and is bound in leather of a brilliant red colour. The abhyasi sister sees it and exclaims, "Wow! What a diary!" I at once come to your room, stand in front of you, and extend my right hand as if I am asking for the diary. You look at me with some annoyance, and say, "Do you want to take away from me everything that I have?" I meekly answer, "No, Master. I only want to see what you have." The dream ended at this point. I pray to you for your kind clarification and comments on this dream. I also request you to write to me about my condition—which you have promised to do in so many letters but never done so far. I pray that you may kindly comment in your reply on both the dream as well as my spiritual condition.

By your grace and love Bari Bahu and I are both well. We are eager to see you. It may not be possible for us to come to Surat even though our tickets are already booked.

With all our love and pranams,

Yours affectionately,

Parthasarathi

Ref: 1739 **Shahjahanpur**
6th April 1982

Mr. P. Rajagopalachari
Madras

My Dear Brother,

I have been seeing the sky with the pupil in the eye, that means I tried to see Infinite in the finite. I also have and you too the power which gives flame to the righteousness, something more is needed on your part and you are aware of it.

I fail, having everything, in common prestige. I, therefore, pause a little to think over the matters. I have committed mistakes after mistakes—No mistakes—which are really nothing but hooting their own. Not imperative, I take everything lightly but to my mind similarity is occasionally seen there instead sometimes similarity reigns in the thinking of the old character on their own.

Glittering, I want, should form in every heart of the well established, which may go on and on.

With Love,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

12th April 1982

My Beloved Master,

May you live long. Your presence on this world is of utmost essentiality for the welfare of humanity.

I am grateful for your affectionate letter of the 6th April under ref: No. 1739. I have been pondering over what to reply, because it is not easy to understand all that you have written. All that I am able to understand is that you expect from me something that is now lacking. You have written that "something more is needed on your part, and you are aware of it." I am aware that there are very many things that are needed on my part. The difficulty is to know what. I would be most grateful if you would kindly elaborate and give me more detailed comments.

I have been trying to come up to your expectations, but it is obvious that I have so far failed. From your last sentence it is clear that "glittering in the heart" is also not there, which you want.

I have made you my goal. If there is anything that I want to achieve, it is to become like you in everything. Of course I am convinced that this can be possible only if you want this to be achieved. I am not trying to make any excuses. I have not tried hard enough—that is clear from what you now write. It has now plunged me into despair.

I am conscious that I have not deserved even a fraction of the love and grace that you have poured upon me all these eighteen years that I have been at your holy feet. All that I now want is that by your benevolent grace, a day may dawn when you may call me affectionately to your side, and say, "Parthasarathi, you have today deserved all that I have been giving you all these years. Now proceed on with the work, and go ahead!"

Mistakes I have been making all my life. I have even been guilty of disrespect towards your Divine and Holy Self on not a few occasions. I beg your pardon for all my unthinking failures and mistakes, and pray to you to rectify and correct all the faults in me, and make of me what you will.

With Pranams, and love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

12th April 1982

Revered Master,

The bearer of this letter is an abhyasi of the Madras centre, Shri V.S. Narayanan by name. He had to go to Delhi on his official work, and I took the opportunity of transferring one carton of books to Shahjahanpur. He will therefore come there, and as usual I request you to permit him to stay there for three days from Saturday 17th to the night of the 19th of April.

I find that while he is outwardly very co-operative and devoted, there is something inside that is creating stubbornness and an inner resistance. I pray that you may kindly look into this.

Bari Bahu says "*Charan sparsh*", and with my pranams I close this letter.

With love and seeking your blessings,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

12th April 1982

Revered Master,

I have today received a letter dated 3rd April from brother Tom Whitlam of Canada. The Board of Directors of the Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Canada seek advice on whether the Mission in Canada can depute Sister Christine Langstaff, Preceptor-in-charge of the Mission in Canada, as an official representative to attend the conference of Mission centres of Europe to be held in Paris later this year, and for her to-and-fro plane fare (approximately $1,200.00) to be paid by the Mission in Canada. They have sufficient funds available for the purpose, and feel that this is a legitimate expense in terms of the preservation of the tax-exempt status that the Mission currently enjoys in Canada.

I feel that the request may be accorded your approval from Shahjahanpur, specifying that this approval should not be deemed to be precedent for future occasions.

Kindly write to Br. Tom Whitlam direct, giving your decision in the matter.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Tom Whitlam, Canada

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: FAPR/56/1795

Shahjahanpur
13th April 1982

I, President, Shri Ram Chandra Mission, hereby order the vacation of my order No. F.A.P.R./5 dated 15th February 1981.

The operation of Rule 9(1) and 9(2)(b) of S.R.C.M. F.A.P.R. 1981 will apply to Madras centre with effect from 1st April 1982.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

To,
1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari
   General Secretary, Shri Ram Chandra Mission,
   19 North Street, Sriram Nagar
   Madras 600 018.
2. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal
   Joint Secretary, Shri Ram Chandra Mission
   Shahjahanpur.
3. Zonal Secretaries.
4. Accountant, SRCM, Shahjahanpur.

5. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary Overseas Centres, Malaysia.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: FAPR/57/1800

Shahjahanpur
13th April 1982

The 'Preceptor-in-charge' is long sounding and therefore, dropped. It is replaced by 'Centre-in-charge', who is rightly pledged and creeping only to the bud facing towards above, waiting for Him and others.

So, the word 'Preceptor-in-charge' wherever occurring will henceforth be replaced by the word 'Centre-in-charge'.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:

1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
2. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
3. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary, Overseas Centres, Malaysia, for intimation to all overseas centres.
4. All Zonal Secretaries in India, for circulation to all the Centres-in-charge.
5. All Centres-in-charge of Accounting Centres.
6. For printing in the magazine for the information of all.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P-58/1903 **Shahjahanpur**
21st April 1982

Shri S.P. Nainar has offered his services to the Mission. He is assigned the following duties at the pleasure of the President:

1. To look after and control the entire working of the Sahaj Marg Press in accordance with the instructions in this regard from time to time.
2. To streamline the working of the Press so as to bring it to an efficient level.
3. To submit scheme for better functioning of the Press.
4. To have Mission's magazine printed and despatched after complying with requirements of the Financial, Accounting and Procedural Rules, 1981.
5. To carry out such tasks and functions assigned by the President from time to time.

Shri S.P. Nainar will get Rs. 200/- (Rupees two hundred) as honorarium with facilities for boarding, lodging, normal electricity and water charges etc., without any extra charge.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:-

1. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
2. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
3. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary, Overseas Centres, Malaysia.
4. All Zonal Secretaries in India.
5. The Accountant, SRCM, Shahjahanpur.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

26th April 1982

My Beloved Master,

I hope that after your journey to Surat your health is good. May your auspicious and benevolent presence be ever with us!

On the auspicious, holy and joyful occasion of your birthday, we pray to the Almighty Master to bless the Mission and the abhyasis by retaining your presence on this earth, and to keep you healthy and happy in all ways. Our prayers for your happy and long life.

Bari Bahu and I made all arrangements to go to Surat, but both of us are ill for the last one week. I am almost normal, but Bahu is still unwell. As I cannot leave her alone at home, I have been constrained to cancel our tickets. We are most disappointed that we are not there to prostrate at your Holy feet on this occasion.

By your benevolent grace, I hope to make a visit to Shahjahanpur soon.

With our love and pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

15th May 1982

Revered and Beloved Master,

May you live long. I am sorry to hear that you were weak when you passed through Delhi on your way back from Surat. I hope that your health is better now. I am awaiting replies to my letters to you, and pray to you to kindly write.

Amalapuram Centre—need for funds for ashram construction. I now come to the subject matter of this letter. Yesterday I have sent you an express telegram reading as hereunder:

EARNESTLY PRAY FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO AMALAPURAM CENTRE FOR ASHRAM CONSTRUCTION(.) FUNDS URGENTLY NEEDED(.) CENTRES REQUEST PENDING MANY MONTHS(.) PRANAMS.

PARTHASARATHI

Dr. V. Parthasarathi, zonal secretary - zone I, wrote to me a very troubled letter which I received, and immediately acted upon by sending you the telegram. He writes:

"Amalapuram centre: Ashram was approved—permission to go ahead was given in the first week of February after Basant—more than 32,000/- collected from members and non-members, but the amount is not released till today. Some have given all the timber required free; some have levelled up the site; Centre-in-charge has taken loans of Rs. 15,000.00 + 5,000.00, and cement, sand, etc., on loan. He has committed himself on paper. How delicate it is to face the donors, members and non-members! It reflects on the very prestige of the Mission. Some suitable formula has to be chalked out."

I would request you to ask for and read Dr. Parthasarathi's letter dated 21st April addressed to Brother Shri Raizada. **Please read it without fail.** It gives all the background information on this matter.

There is a general tendency to blame Brother N.S. Rao for all these things. From what I have seen, he has been given too much work, and is used as a man of all work. He has no time to concentrate on any single aspect of his work even for thirty minutes at a time. Nor has he the authority to take decisions involving transfers of money to centres. Responsibility should be fixed for such matters preferably on the Joint Secretary, as the senior-most office bearer of the Mission at HQ

In conclusion, I earnestly hope that action has been taken on my telegram, and funds made available to Amalapuram centre.

With respectful Pranams and love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: 2228

Shahjahanpur
25th May 1982

To:
The Manager
Allahabad Bank
City Office
Shahjahanpur

Dear Sir,

You are requested to please arrange to issue a crossed demand draft for Rs. 30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand only) in favour of Shri Ram Chandra Mission payable at Amalapuram (Andhra Pradesh) and debit our Building Fund Account No. 210/3(1) with similar amount.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:
Shri V.P.D. Nageswara Rao, Centre-in-charge, Amalapuram Centre of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, C/O Shri A. Venkateswara Rao, Krishna Rao Street, K. Agraharam, Amalapuram (E.G. Dist.) (A.P.) 533201, for information. DD

for Rs. 30,000/- bearing No. ________ dated ________ is forwarded herewith to the Zonal Secretary, No. 1 Zone, Dr. Parthasarathy, with copy to you.

Dr. V. Parthasarathy, Zonal Secretary, No. 1 Zone, Vijayawada, for information.

Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras, for information.

4th June 1982

Revered and Beloved Master,

I am deeply concerned to hear from Brother Dr. S.S. Ramakrishnan of Coimbatore that you are very weak, and that you are unable to even move your feet, and that your feet have to be lifted on to the bed by someone else. I am also informed that your old mental symptoms are again present. He informed me that you are worried about the impending overseas trip, but feel that it cannot be cancelled as you are committed. I would strongly urge you to consider your health first. It is no use going abroad and then falling ill there. That causes more disappointment and frustration to the abhyasis there than if you cancel your visit. Also I believe that your abhyasis love you more than you realise, and will sacrifice much to see you well and happy. **It is therefore my earnest request and prayer that you should not travel abroad.** Such a request from me will upset and annoy many persons, as it has done in the past. But I am making it in **your** interest whereas all the others are only thinking of themselves. If this remark is wrong, kindly excuse me.

If after all this you wish to go, and wish me to accompany you, I shall be your servant. Leave is no problem. But I must know immediately. French visa is difficult to obtain, and takes several weeks. It will be issued only after air ticket is purchased. Since Shahjahanpur H.O. has taken up the work of organising the travel arrangements, I do not know what to do until I receive your instructions. If the Paris centre is in charge of arrangements for the tickets etc., then a letter may please be issued direct from H.O. requesting them to include my name for the tickets, and to advise me where to collect the same.

I would however urge you to reconsider your decision in the matter. Early decision is necessary as the same must be immediately communicated telegraphically to Paris and to Malaysia in the event of cancellation.

I hope that no hospitalisation at Delhi is called for. I would deeply appreciate it if someone from H.O. could write to me once a week, and give me news about you.

With pranams and love from both of us,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

Brother S.S. Ramakrishnan told me that you asked him to tell me to be ready to accompany you to Paris. Hence this letter.

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: 2389

Shahjahanpur
5th June 1982

To:
The Agent
Allahabad Bank
City Office
Shahjahanpur
Dear Sir,

Please refer to our letter dated 25th May 1982, requesting for issue of demand draft in favour of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, payable through the bank branch at Amalapuram.

We have received Bank Draft from the State Bank of India, Town Hall Branch, Shahjahanpur, demand draft No. OL/AS-259925 dated 26th May 1982 for Rs. 30,000/- issued in favour of "Shri Ram Chandra Mission", payable through its Amalapuram Branch. Actually the Demand Draft is to be in favour of "Shri V.P.D. Nageswara Rao, Shri Ram Chandra Mission". Kindly therefore arrange with the State Bank of India, Town Hall Branch, for the insertion of the above name in the demand draft which is sent herewith through our Accountant.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
Ram Chandra
President

Copy to:

The Agent, State Bank of India, (Town Hall Branch), for favour of above insertion in the draft.

Not on above:

Copy to:

1. Shri V.P.D. Nageswara Rao, Center-in-Charge, Amalapuram Centre - with refrence to your letter dated 31st May 1982. Even though your request has not come through your Zonal Secretary, in view of the urgency of the matter, the bank draft is returned herewith after making it in your name, and sent through Brother Krishna Arjuna Rao, who is going to Vijayawada. He will deliver the draft to Dr. V. Parthasarathy, Zonal Secretary at Vijayawada. Please liaise with the Zonal Secretary and collect the draft and acknowledge receipt.
2. Dr. V. Parthasarathy, Zonal Secretary No. 1 Zone, Vijayawada, for information. Your letter dated 30th May 1982, in reply to our letter of 25th May 1982 has been received. The names proposed by the Centre-in-Charge of Amalapuram Centre for the Construction Committee under his letter dated 27th May 1982 and recommended by you

are approved by the President please. As desired by you a Demand Draft for further amount of Rs. 3975 is also sent in the name of Shri V.P.D.N. Rao. Both DDs will be handed over to you by Brother K.A. Rao on his arrival there.

3. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, for favour of information, please.

Kashi Ram Agarwal
Joint Secretary

22nd June 1982

Revered and Beloved Master,

I am happy to learn that your physical examination at Delhi found nothing wrong with you except weakness, and perhaps some signs of malnutrition as a result of not eating enough. The doctors everywhere have said the same thing again and again—that you must improve your intake of food. I sincerely hope that you are following the diet chart reported to be given to you by the hospital doctor after your examination at Delhi.

USA Mission I have today received a copy of brother Fred Weinstock's letter dated 13th June addressed to you along with which he has sent one copy of their attorney's considered advice on the question of de-registering the Mission in the USA I am sure that you must have by now received the originals addressed to you. The recommendation of the attorney in California, Mr. Richard Abramson, is quite explicit and unambiguous, and it is that the Mission should continue to maintain status quo in that country. I am in agreement with this myself, as you know, because it was your own innate foresight and divine wisdom which made you instruct the persons concerned to register the Mission in Denmark, USA, and Canada. I await your views in the matter, and further instructions. We have to wait for the results of the discussions that are to be held in similar fashion in Denmark and Canada. It is essential that nothing hasty is done in this matter.

I am eagerly awaiting an opportunity of having your darshan.

With Pranams from Bari Bahu and myself,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

22nd June 1982

Dr. V. Parthasarathi
Zonal Secretary - Zone I
Vijayawada

My dear and respected Brother,

Ref: Br. Shri K.V. Reddy's article printed in the Surat souvenir.

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 19th June, "An appeal with love", with a copy for Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary for the overseas centres of the Mission. I am in broad agreement with the comments made therein by you, and share your sense of anguish that such flippant and hurtful remarks are made by an abhyasi of the Mission. It is all the more puzzling when the concerned brother happens to be himself a preceptor, and also the incumbent of a senior position in the Mission's official hierarchy. Many oral complaints have been made in this connection, as similar derogatory remarks are reported to have been made by speakers on the stage at Surat. I have been wanting to put this matter up to our Revered Master, and your letter has given me an opportunity to do so. I am endorsing a copy of this letter to Rev. Master, and I shall take this matter up personally with him when I am able to meet him.

I have posted the copy of your letter to Shri K.V. Reddy, and I am sure that he will have some comments, or observations, to make. We can but hope for the best. I am grateful to you for taking up such matters, since many things go uncorrected merely by default, because persons are either too lethargic to take action, are afraid to do so, or are merely so unconcerned that they do not care.

Thank you, and with best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master. This is for your kind attention, and relates to the letter dated 19th June, addressed to me by Dr. V. Parthasarathi, and a copy of which has been sent to you. Pranams.

22nd June 1982

Mr. Fred Weinstock
Allentown, PA

Dear Fred,

I am grateful to you for your letter dated 30th June addressed to Rev. Master along with a copy of Mr. Richard Abramson's letter to William Waycott dated 1st June dealing in explicit detail with the question of deregistration in the U.S. His comments are very specific and his conclusion also equally specific—that the Mission should continue its existence as a government recognised non-profit organisation in that country.

I would be grateful if you could send one copy of Abramson's letter to each of the following for their guidance on the legal situation and your attorney's considered opinion to the following:

1. Tom Whitlam, Canada
2. Jens Clausen, Denmark

3. Don Sabourin

I am sure they will find the documents useful in pursuing this investigation in their own countries. An extra copy of this letter for William Waycott is attached which please post to him and oblige.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
Chari

cc. Revered Master
cc. Mr. K.V. Reddy
cc. Mr. W. Waycott USA

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/59

Shahjahanpur
27th June 1982

On closely watching the developments, it has come to me that the office bearers and various functionaries of the Mission should ordinarily hold the office assigned to them for a term of four (4) years from the date of their appointment.

Six months before the expiry of the term, each such person will suggest to the President the names of three persons for the office held by him to facilitate selection by the President.

This would help to build up healthy tradition in the interest of the Mission and also help to further strengthen the spirit of service and wash out the idea of self-importance.

Accordingly, by virtue of the powers vested in me as President under the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Mission, I hereby make the following addition to the 'Bye-laws' to read as under:

Bye-Law No. 5 (e) "Every office bearer and functionary of the Mission will ordinarily hold office for a term of four years from the date of appointment, unless removed earlier by the President.

"Six months before the expiry of the term, each such person will suggest to the President the names of three persons for the office held by him, which in his opinion could be suitable to shoulder the said responsibility."

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

The Joint Secretary Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal to inform:

1. The Registrar of Societies, Lucknow (UP)/ Bareilly.
2. The Income Tax Department.
3. The various office bearers and functionaries of the Mission, viz.
    (i) The General Secretary, Shri P. Rajagopalachari.
    (ii) The Joint Secretary, Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal.
    (iii) The Secretary Overseas Centres, Shri K.V. Reddy (with instructions to circulate to all overseas centres).
    (iv) All the Zonal Secretaries in India with instructions to circulate to all Centres-in-charge and Organisers in their respective Zones.
    (v) The Superintendent, Publication Department, Shri J.R.K. Raizada.
4. *Sahaj Marg Patrika*, for publication in the next issue.

The Joint Secretary Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal to see that this amendment is included in all the existing copies of the Mission's Constitution and Bye-laws and those printed in future.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Circulated as above by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/69

Shahjahanpur
28th June 1982

The following persons are hereby appointed to discharge the duties assigned against their names under the rules, regulations and spirit of the Mission:

1. Shri S.A. Sarnad, Gulbarga: Relinquishes the charge as Zonal Secretary, Zone No. 3 and assumes charge as 'Secretary' of the Mission to discharge the duties of Secretary defined under the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Mission.
2. Shri Gunde Rao, Nagnoor: Zonal Secretary, Zone No. 3.
3. Shri R. Seshadri, Madras: Zonal Secretary, Zone No. 2, vice Shri Mahalingam who relinquishes this charge.
4. Shri Ramapati Dhingar, Sitapur: Zonal Secretary, Zone No. 5, vice Shri Y.K. Gupta who relinquishes this charge.
5. Shri K.V. Reddy, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) Member - Editorial Board in the vacancy caused due to the demise of Prof. Lakshmi Shankar.
6. Shri S.C. Kishore, Delhi: Member - Publication Committee, in the vacancy caused by the death of Prof. Lakshmi Shankar.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:

1. Shri S.A. Sarnad, Gulbarga.
2. Shri Gunde Rao, Nagnoor.
3. Shri R. Seshadri, Madras.
4. Shri Ramapati Dhingar, Sitapur.
5. Shri Y.K. Gupta, Saharanpur.
6. Shri Mahalingam, Chingleput.
7. Shri K.V. Reddy, Kuala Lumpur.
8. Shri S.C. Kishore, Delhi.
9. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary, Madras.
10. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
11. All the Zonal Secretaries in India to circulate in their zones.
12. *Sahaj Marg Patrika*, for publication in the next issue.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/61-2773

Shahjahanpur
28th June 1982

By virtue of power vested in me as President and Master of the Mission, I hereby reconstitute the committee for the research wing, functioning under the name and style 'Sahaj Marg Research Institute' at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh):

1. Dr. V.S.R. Murthy, Tirupati —Director
2. Dr. S.P. Srivastava, Lakhimpur —Associate Director
3. Prof. Chandrika Prasad, Roorkee —Member
4. Shri K.C. Narayana, Hyderabad —Member
5. Shri S.A. Sarnad, Gulbarga —Member
6. Shri V.R. Bapat, Nagpur —Member

Shri J.R.K. Raizada, Secretary to the President will be an ex-officio member of the Institute.

The President of the Mission will be the President of the said Institute.

The functioning of the Institute will be as per the rules and regulations of the Mission. The Institute will be housed at the ashram building at Tirupati and use space as per their requirement —Room No. 2 to be used for their office.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy to:

1. Dr. V.S.R. Murthy, Tirupati.
2. Dr. S.P. Srivastava, Lakhimpur Kheri.
3. Prof. Chandrika Prasad, Roorkee.
4. Shri K.C. Narayana, Hyderabad.
5. Shri S.A. Sarnad, Gulbarga.
6. Shri V.R. Bapat, Nagpur.
7. Shri J.R.K. Raizada, Shahjahanpur.
8. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary.
9. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary.
10. Shri K.V. Reddy, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Secretary, Overseas Centres.
11. All the Zonal Secretaries in India.
12. Shri N.S. Rao, Accountant.

Circulated by order of the President.

J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

4th July 1982

My Beloved and worshipful Master,

May you live long. I hope that you are maintaining the improvement in your health. We who have taken shelter under your benign umbrella of love and Grace, which you are showering upon us every moment, are beholden to you.

What does man live by? It is said that 'Man lives by hope!' It is my impression that man lives by and for his dreams—dreams of health, wealth, happiness; dreams of position and power; dreams of fame and glory, not knowing that all these are ephemeral, and that few of them can be obtained, and when obtained, as easily lost as a puff of smoke. It is true that man realises that the dreams he has during his sleep are merely illusions, fantasies of the mind. It is a sad pity that few persons realise that man dreams when he is awake too, and that such waking dreams are not merely more than those during sleep, but also more dangerous since they are treated as hope, aspiration, and often taken as promises for the future too. Promises held out in dreams cannot be real promises, and one who bases his expectations on them is doomed to total disappointment. What is one thing that is definitely promised in life? Death!

Beloved Master, I am sad and sorry that I have been unable to serve you and the Mission in a fitting manner, and I beg you to excuse me for this. I know I am insignificant and undeserving. Yet I make bold to hold out my bowl before you in a prayer, which I beg you to grant out of your infinite love, mercy, and grace. I pray to you humbly to grant me THAT which can never be lost, which never decays, and which no one can take away. May you live long!

With all my love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Shahjahanpur
7th July 1982

My Dearest Parthasarathi,

I am committed to go to Paris in August 1982 and you will help me as you have helped me, in all respects.

Umesh is suffering now again with pain, sometimes. Therefore, care is to be taken to give him effective treatment through the same doctor in Paris. Therefore I intend to take him too, to Paris.

I am waiting for your arrival.

With Blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Ref: 3112

Shahjahanpur
6th August 1982

To
Shri K.V. Reddy
Secretary Overseas Centres
5 Lorong 5/21A, Petaling Jaya
Selangor Malaysia

Dear Brother,

Given below is my finalised tour programme, for necessary arrangements:

August 23rd morning:	Arrival at Delhi
August 25th morning:	Leave Delhi for Paris
August 25th to September 5th:	Stay at Paris
September 6th:	Leave for England
September 6th to 9th:	Stay at England

The following will be accompanying me to Paris:

Shri Kashi Ramji, Shri Parthasarathi, Shri Umesh Chandra, Shri Sarvesh Chandra, Shri Sharad Saxena (5).

Shri Umesh Chandra, Shri Sarvesh Chandra and Shri Sharad Saxena will be accompanying me to England from Paris.

Shri Umesh Chandra and Shri Sarvesh Chandra will be proceeding to America for Umesh Chandra's treatment at the latter's expense.

With Blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Copy forwarded to:
Shri S.C. Kishore, 3-A, Kamala Nagar, New Delhi 110007.
Martine Faideau, 8 rue Aubriot 75004, Paris.
Shri P. Rajagopalachari, 19 North Street, Sriram Nagar, Madras.

Madras
11th August 1982

Revered Master,

I have received copy of your letter dated 6th August 1982 under ref. 3112 addressed to Mr. K.V. Reddy and I have also seen your letter of the same date under ref. 3115 addressed to Chi. Umesh both concerning your Paris/Manchester visits. I have to bring the following points for your kind information:

1. Chi. Umesh and Chi. Sarvesh will both be travelling on concession tickets which permit only one stopover on the outward journey to New York and one stopover on the return journey from New York to India. Therefore if Chi. Umesh and Chi. Sarvesh utilise the stopover on the outward

journey at Paris—which they have to do to be able to participate in the function—a separate ticket will have to be purchased for Paris - Manchester - Paris to enable them to accompany you to Manchester. You may therefore kindly instruct brother S.C. Kishore accordingly.

2. For brothers Umesh and Sarvesh, American visa is required. Chi. Umesh is arranging for his visa here at Madras. Brother Kishore may be requested to arrange American visa for Chi. Sarvesh at Delhi.
3. I note from your letter to Chi. Umesh that the Mission will pay for his and Chi. Sarvesh's ticket up to Manchester only. What will be done is to buy tickets for both of them up to New York and the difference between this fare and the fare to Manchester and back will be paid by Chi. Umesh for himself and his brother. This may be confirmed to brother Kishore. There is no question of calculating a separate fare for Paris - New York and back, as only the difference as I have pointed out above will apply.

Since you have decided to stay in England from 6th to 9th September, I suggest that you also return to Paris on the 9th so that both Kashi Ramji and myself can accompany you back to India. This suggestion is because Chi. Umesh is extremely worried if you are intending to travel back to India with only Sharad accompanying you. I therefore request you to instruct brother Kishore as follows:

1. Buy separate air tickets for you and your party (total four persons) for Paris - Manchester - Paris.
2. All four of you will return to Paris from where brothers Umesh and Sarvesh will fly to New York on the 10th on which basis his ticket is being arranged here. Therefore you and your party must return to Paris on the 9th.

Kashi Ramji and I will await your arrival at Paris so that we, four of us, can return to India together.

I hope necessary instructions will be issued at the earliest. I hope the above also meets your kind approval and I am sending an advance copy to brother Kishore for his immediate attention. Chi. Umesh is here with me as I am dictating this letter.

Chi. Umesh feels that the bookings for your party, i.e. yourself, Chi. Umesh, Sarvesh, Sharad, Kashi Ramji and myself should be done through Mercury Travels, New Delhi office, since these will be covered by remittance to be received from Paris in the form of Prepaid Ticket Advice (PTA). If this suggestion is acceptable brother Kishore may be instructed accordingly to hand over the PTAs covering these six tickets to Mercury Travels which will save a lot of confusion and botheration since Chi. Umesh is making his arrangement in any case through Mercury Travels, Madras.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras	Sun 22nd August 1982	19:00	IC 539
Delhi		21:35	
Delhi	Wed 25th August 1982	09:55	AI 165
Paris		18:40	

For Rev. Master, Chi. Umesh, Chi. Sarvesh, Chi. Sharad only:

Paris	Mon 6th September 1982	10:50	BEA 901 “M” Class
Manchester		11:05	
Manchester	Thur 9th September 1982	17:30	BEA 906 “M” Class
Paris		19:45	

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Ref: P/63/3249 **Shahjahanpur**
15th/17th August 1982

I. In view of the declaration signed by me earlier today in the matter of reorganisation of the Mission, I, as President Shri Ram Chandra Mission, do hereby appoint the following persons as "Zonal Secretaries Overseas Centres" for the overseas zones mentioned against their names, effective from 1st September 1982, till further orders, under the rules and regulations of the Mission:

1. Shri Andre Poray, Paris (France), Zone No 1-a: France, Spain and Italy.
2. Smt. Bairbre Reddy, Dublin (Ireland), Zone No 1-b: Ireland, United Kingdom and Holland.
3. Dr. Hanns Gangloff, Munich (W. Germany), Zone No 1-c: Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany and Switzerland.
4. Shri William Waycott, Pacific Grove (USA), Zone No 2-a: United States of America.
5. Smt. Christine Langstaff (alias Krishna) (Canada), Zone No 2-b: Canada.
6. Shri Khoosalbhai Patel, Johannesburg (South Africa), Zone No 4-a: South Africa, Republic of Malagasy and Nigeria.
7. Kumari Balagopal, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Zone No 5-a: Malaysia, Singapore and Sri Lanka.
8. Vacant for time being. Zone No 5-b: Nepal, Bhutan.

II. Considering the health and other aspects of some of the Overseas Zonal Secretaries, the following persons are appointed as "Assistant Zonal Secretary Overseas", to assist them:

1. Smt. Antonietta Bernardi (Italy) in Zone No 1-a: France, Spain and Italy.
2. Smt. Vibe Erstad, Copenhagen (Denmark) in Zone No 1-c: Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany and Switzerland.
3. Appointment to be announced later: In Zone 4-a: South Africa, Republic of Malagasy and Nigeria.

III. Further orders for overseas working zones and appointment of Zonal Secretaries will be made, when considered necessary. The Secretary Overseas Centres of the Mission, should give his suggestions to the President in this regard as and when considered necessary by him.

IV. The 'Centre-in-charge' and 'Organisers' for various overseas centres in different overseas zones will be appointed by me after consultation with the 'Secretary, Overseas Centres' and Zonal Secretaries, Overseas. The Zonal Secretaries, Overseas will give at least three names for each of the above, to the Secretary Overseas Centres, latest by 30th September, 1982.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copies to:

1. Shri S.A. Sarnad, Secretary, Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Gulbarga (Karnataka).
2. Shri Kashi Ram Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur.
3. Shri K.V. Reddy, Secretary, Overseas Centres, Kuala Lumpur.
4. The "Zonal Secretaries, Overseas" and "Assistant Zonal Secretaries Overseas" appointed under this order, to be served after the reading of the Re-organisational Declaration, in the function at Paris (France).
5. The Accountant, SRCM, Shahjahanpur.
6. *Sahaj Marg Paṭrika*, for publication in the next issue.

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J.R.K. Raizada
Secretary to the President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Paris
1st September 1982

Care of Master's health and physical well-being.

Preamble

As things have gone until now, Master's physical existence is endangered:

Firstly, by lack of proteins and probably other food;

Secondly, by low blood pressure, and consequently by insufficient circulation especially of the brain, and

Thirdly, by obstruction of the urinary tract by the prostrate gland; the worse consequence of which could be uraemia.

To counter this danger the following measures are indispensable:

I. a) To serve geroproteins four times a day;
  b) To administer Kallikrein 5 (trade name: Padutin) once a day.
II. To provide drops for raising blood pressure twice a day.
III. a) To give homeopathic drops for the prostatic gland three times a day (Epiprostan);
  b) To serve enough liquid.

Besides that, the metabolism in general must be kept normal, i.e. some food must be served as usual, containing some ballast substances such as in wheat bran and vegetables.

This is the basic treatment, which cannot be abandoned or changed without damage to Master's health. Special treatment will be useless without it.

Daily Schedule

Number one

Time

7 A.M. Two teaspoons Geroprotein dissolved in one cup of warm water
plus ten drops Epiprostan for the prostatic gland
plus five drops Effortil plus for the blood pressure

9 A.M. Warm milk (one cup) with one teaspoon of wheat bran
11 A.M. Two teaspoons Geroprotein dissolved in warm water (one cup)
plus Padutin five drops
1 P.M. Lunch (vegetables as usual)
plus ten drops Epiprostan
1:30 - 4 P.M. REST (very important!)
4 P.M. Two teaspoons Geroprotein in one cup warm water
plus five drops Effortil plus
6 P.M. One cup of milk or other liquid with one teaspoon wheat bran
plus ten drops Epiprostan
7 P.M. Dinner as usual
9 P.M. Two teaspoons Geroprotein and one teaspoon honey in one cup of warm water (honey is necessary)

Record Master's weight weekly on Saturday (notices every first week of the month to me).

Travelling **longer than one hour** either by plane or car is **not** advisable!

Severe alterations in Master's health may bring: diarrhoea, fever, strong aches of stomach or disorientation, and if any of these disturbances occur, this should be written immediately to me.

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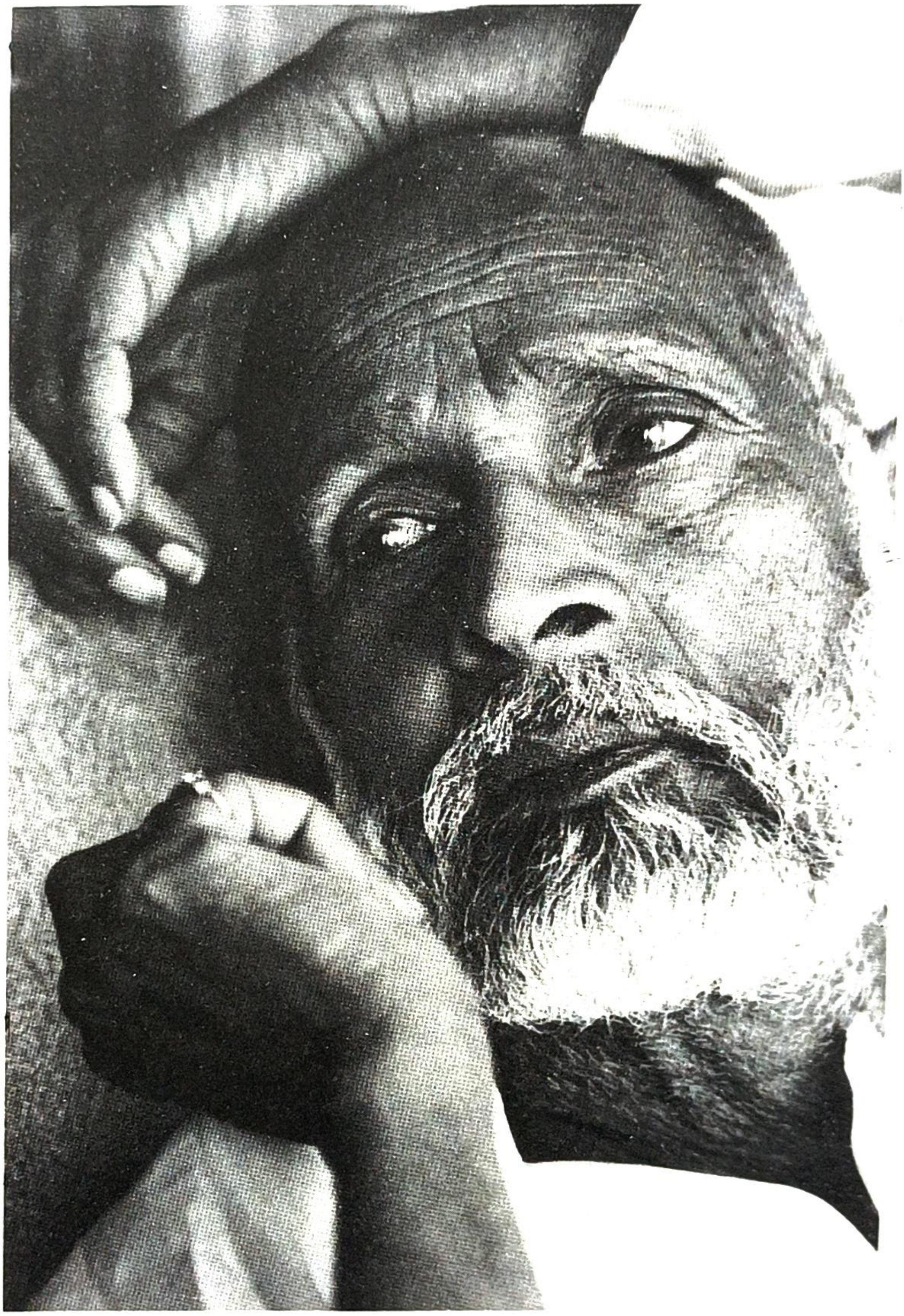

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To: Shri P. Rajagopalachari **20th April 1983**

BABUJI MAHASAMADHI CREMATION SHAHJAHANPUR THURSDAY NINE HOURS

ASOKAN

Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Camp: Shahjahanpur
23rd April 1983

To: All the office bearers and Members of the Working Committee

Dear Brother/Sister,

With deep sorrow I have to inform you that our most revered and beloved Master left His physical body on 19th April 1983 at about 9 A.M. at Klinik Helvetia, New Delhi. His body was brought to Shahjahanpur the same night and cremated with due honour in the Ashram premises on 21st April 1983 at 11:25 A.M.

Human beings as we are, it is but natural for us to feel a great void at this moment. But we should not forget that Master is in our hearts for ever and guiding us all the time. It is our sacred obligation to discharge our duties entrusted to us by Him.

I, therefore, earnestly request you to continue the work of the Mission with the same spirit of unity and integrity. As the aim of our Mission is to strive for the spiritual upliftment of humanity, especially of the downhearted, without any distinction of caste, creed, colour or nationality, it becomes our bounden duty to develop love and brotherhood among all.

Further necessary information will be conveyed to you from time to time.

Yours brotherly,
S.A. Sarnad
Secretary

Glossary

ADI GURU: Original guru; Lalaji, in Sahaj Marg.

AKAL MRUTYU: Untimely death.

AKHARAS: A wrestling organization; a ring were a wrestling match is held.

ALMIRAHS: A wardrobe with a door, usually made of metal.

ANUBHAVA: Intuitional perception or personal experience in the realm of Nature or God.

BHAJAN: Chanted prayer.

BRAHMAN (or BRAHM): Creator, God, Centre, Ultimate.

BRAHMANDA (or BRAHMAND): Astral world, Cosmos.

BRAHMANDA MANDAL (or BRAHMANDA DESH): Mental sphere, supra-material sphere, cosmic region; sphere where everything manifests under a subtle shape before taking place in the material world.

CHACHAJI: Uncle; father's brother.

CHARAN SPARSH: A way of expressing one's highest regards by touching a person's feet.

DARSHAN: Vision of someone's inner Reality.

DASTHAUN: A celebration on the tenth day after an important occasion, for example, a birth or a death.

DUR MARAN: Bad death.

GARU: In the Telegu language, a suffix attached to a name in order to show respect; similar to "ji" in Hindi, for example, Ram Chandraji.

GODOWN: A warehouse.

GURU POORNIMA: The full moon day, once a year, when a disciple's presence with the guru brings the guru's special blessing.

HAVAN: Offering of an oblation with fire. Also called Homa.

HOMA: Offering oblations to gods by pouring ghee into the consecrated fire; sacrifice.

KUTIR: Small cottage.

LAKH: One hundred thousand (100,000).

MAYA: Phenomenal appearance. It is really a power of God. All manifestation or expansion which seems illusory is the play of Maya. Illusion.

PARHEJ: Restrictions of any kind to control something; for example, a restricted diet, or dietary regimen.

PATTAL: A plate made of leaves.

PRANAM: Respectful salutation; obeisance.

PRASAD: Divinized food, usually sweet; an offering to Master or God.

PUJA: Religious traditional practice (in Sahaj Marg the meditation practice).

PURUSHA: Male; personality or entity. In this sense, God is the *adi-purusha* or Original Personality, and an avatar is a *yuga-purusha* or personality of the age. Unlike *atma* or soul, which has no subtle substance and is never born and never dies, *purusha* has substance and is made and can come to termination.

SANTHA: Spiritual tradition; organisation; group.

TRIKUTI: The point above the nose between the two eyebrows where the inner ajna chakra is located; one of the points of concentration.

VAISHNAV ACHARYA: A religious teacher of the Hindu Vaishnavite tradition.

YATRA: Voyage, spiritual pilgrimage.

ZINA: A staircase.

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